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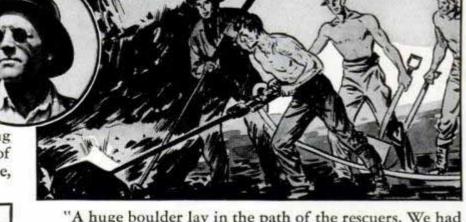
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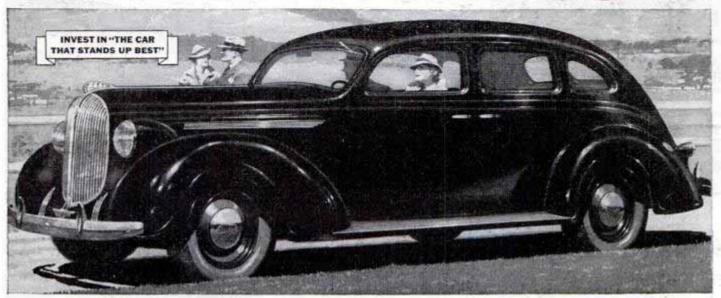
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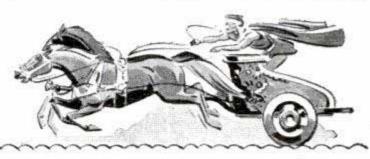
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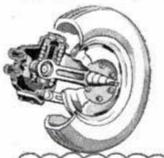


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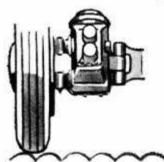


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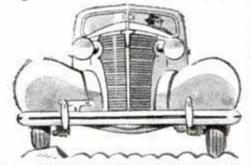
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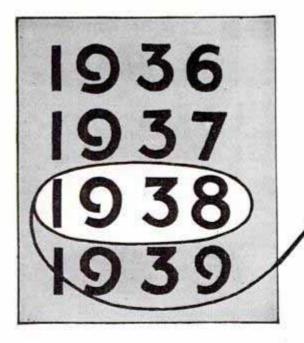
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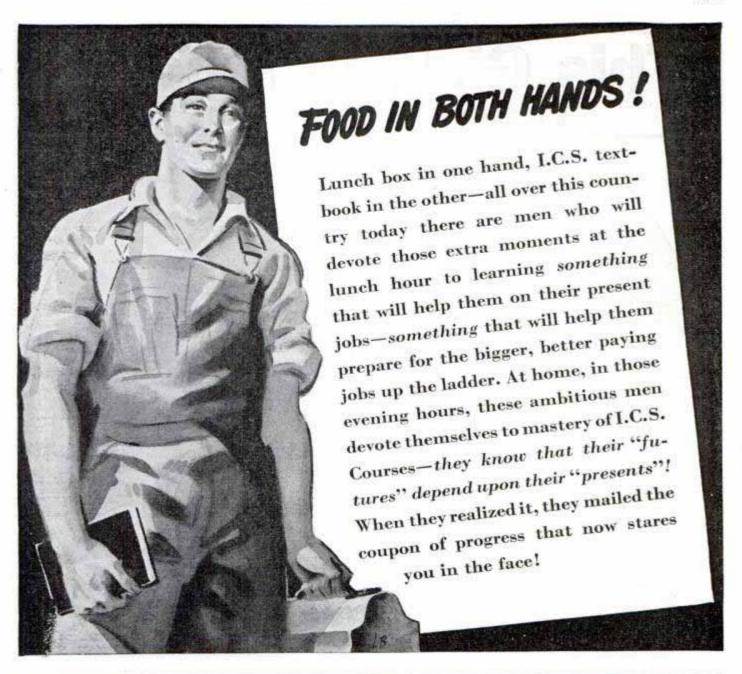
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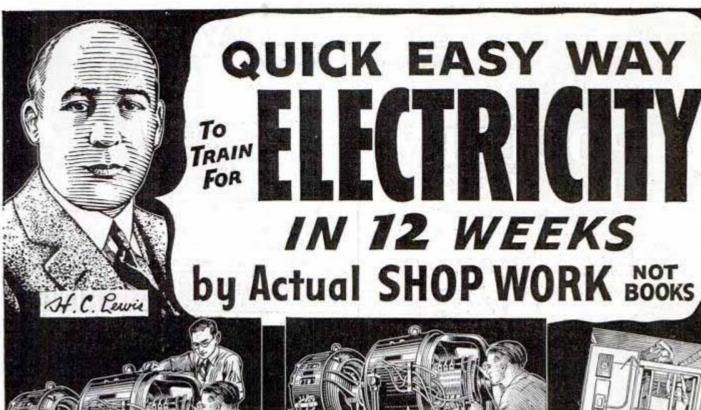
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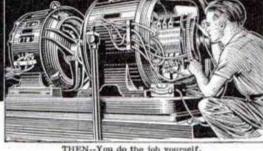


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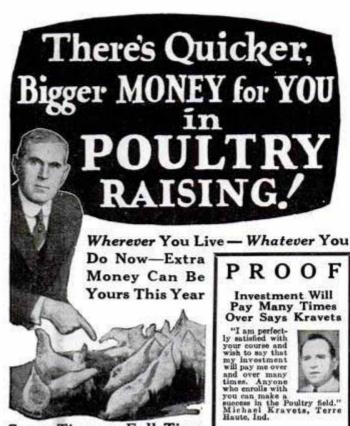
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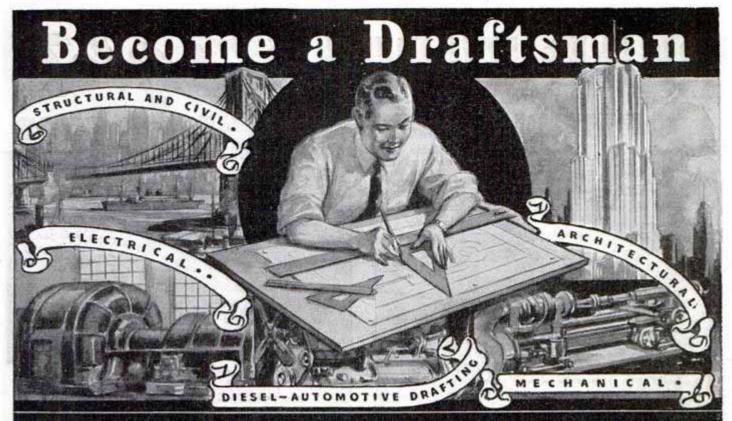
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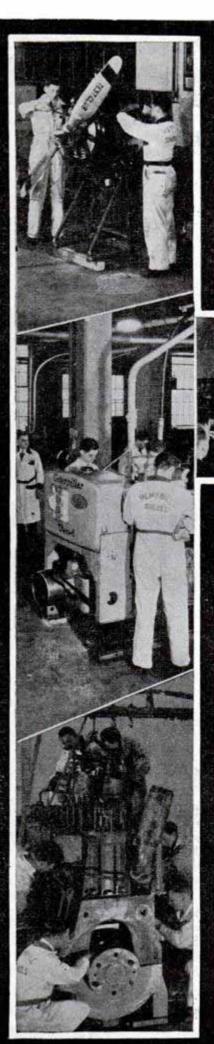
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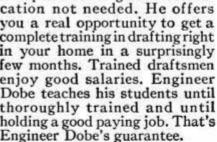
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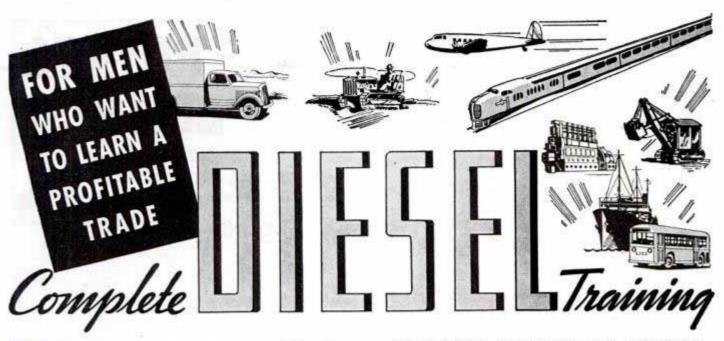
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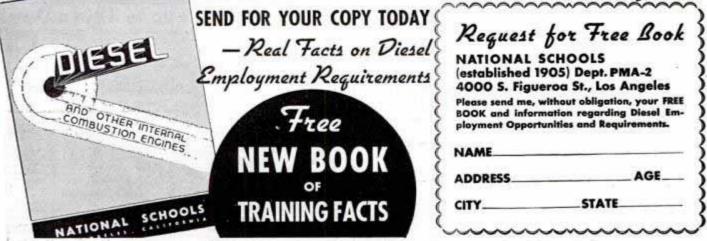
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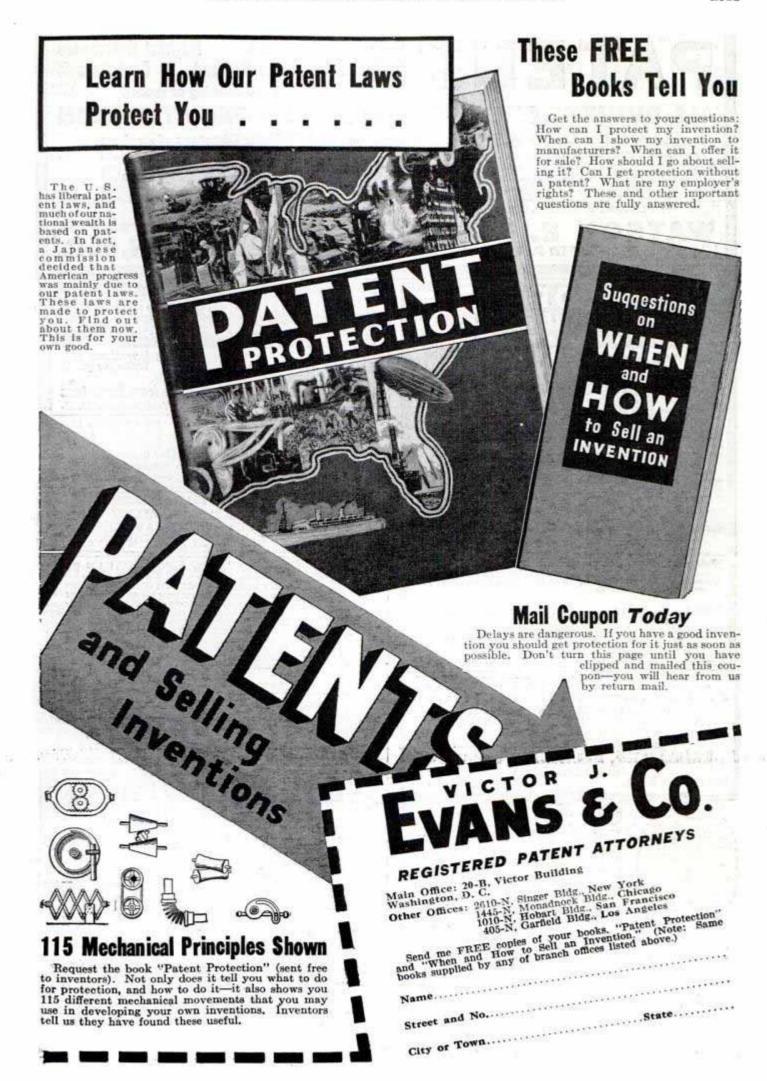
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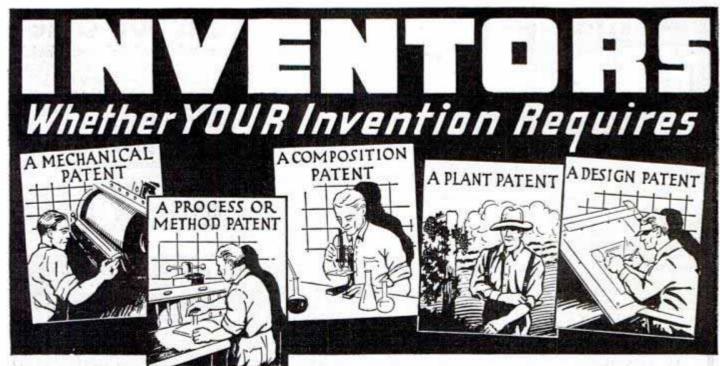
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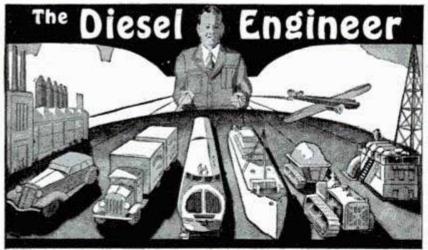
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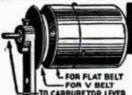
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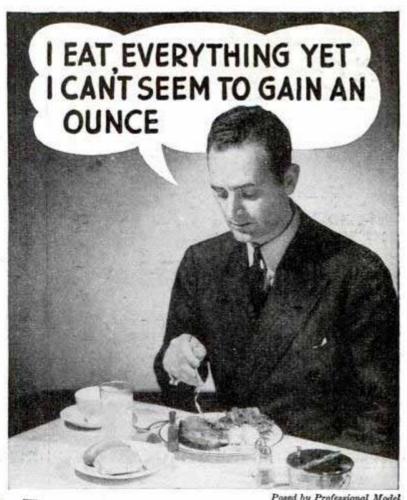
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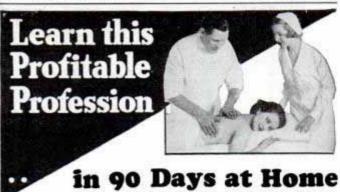
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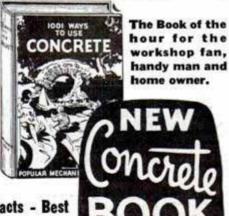
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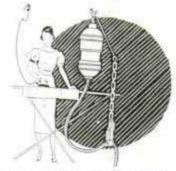


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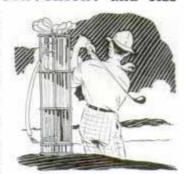


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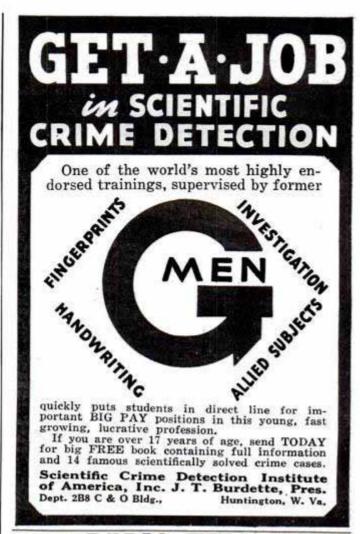
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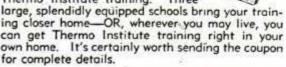
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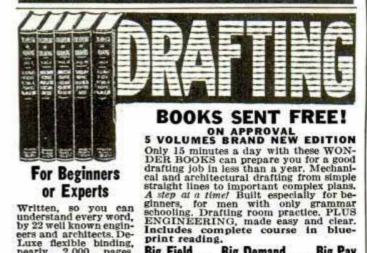


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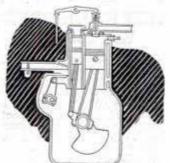
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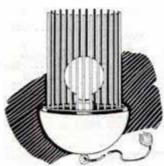
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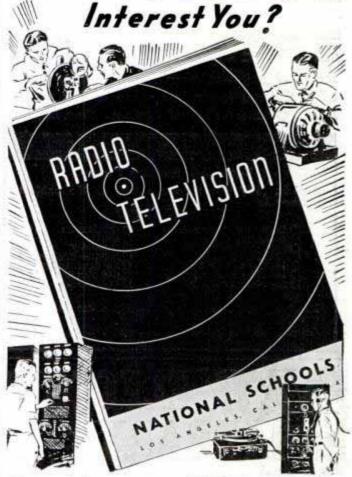
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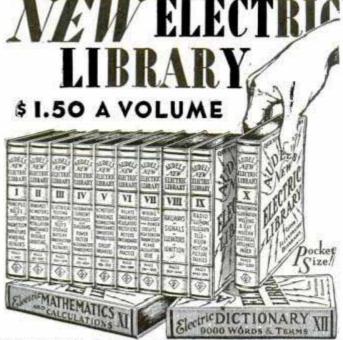
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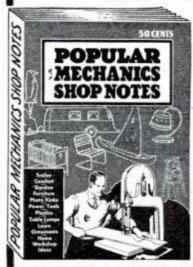
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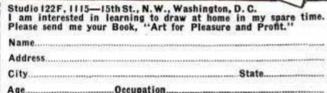


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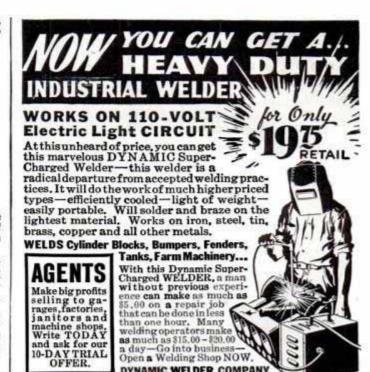
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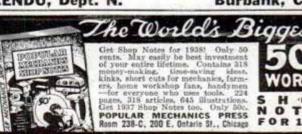
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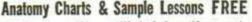
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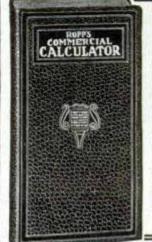
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V-shaped depressions. Depressions in one electrode extend opposite to those in the other. Conducting means comprise adjacent conductors connected by a V-shaped portion. When the insect comes in contact with the conductors, it is electrocuted. The apparatus plugs into any house outlet.

SOME of mother's worry over keeping baby's head above water in his bath



would be banished by a float protected by a recent patent. The float, which is inflated, is formed to fit the back of the infant's head and shoulders, keeping them out of the water

and exposing the rest of the body for washing. A body strap and a head strap hold the baby on the float.

PERSONS wearing glasses soon may be offered an eyeshade which will fit on

the glasses, instead of interfering with them. The shade consists of a rectangular section to shield the eyes. On each side of the shade are slots into which fit the shafts in such a



manner that the shade is held in bowed shape over the eyes. The shade may be removed if desired.

A MONG inventions patented recently are: an antiseptic toothbrush, impervious to water and with bristles impregnated with a germicidal mixture; a snow-scooter which is steered by shifting one's weight, as skis are steered; a smoking device in which tobacco, as a cigarette or in loose form, is inserted in a tube and a spring automatically pushes the tobacco toward the lighted end as it is consumed, and a borer which makes an air draught tube in the end of a cigar.

INTENDED to hold the golfer's arms in proper position as he swings, a practice

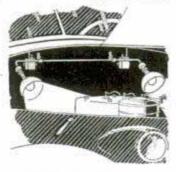


device has been patented. It is a band adapted to embrace the right arm adjacent to the elbow, with a strap running across to another band about the left shoulder. This

connecting strap slides in such a manner that the right elbow may move freely in the direction of the extent of the strap. The apparatus has means for being attached to the golfer's belt.

FOR illuminating the motor compartment while repairs and adjustments

are being made, a floodlight system has been patented. It consists of two electric lights, one on each side of the motor, supported by rods attached beneath the hood. When the hood is



raised on either side, special contacts cause the lamp on that side to light, thus illuminating the motor. The lamps would be of especial value in case of motor trouble on the road and in private garages where overhead lighting is insufficient.

F^{OR} making trailer travel more pleasant, a recently patented axle may be ad-



justed for driving on pavement or level roads and for rough roads. Many trailers cannot be taken on rough roads because they are built too low to the ground. One equipped with the

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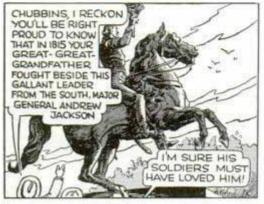
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I MAGINE a rubber tire as high as an automobile and so heavy that three men can hardly lift it. Tires that size are being tested today for the giant four-engined passenger transports to be launched this spring. Each tire weighs 360 pounds, exclusive of the forty-five-pound tube. A pair costs nearly as much as a new car.

The size of the tires alone will help give you an idea of how large these new planes are going to be. The four engines will develop nearly twice the power of the average passenger locomotive and each plane will carry up to forty people, in ad-

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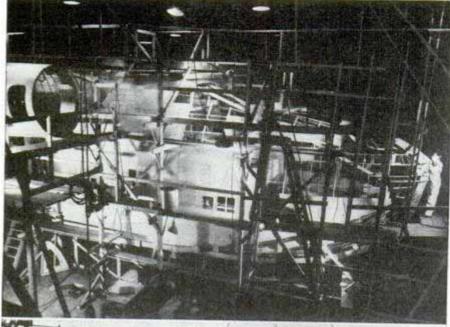
Top, pilots and engineers studying mock-up of cockpit instruments and controls of the giant four-engined transport. Bottom, part of ladies' dressing room on planes being built for TWA

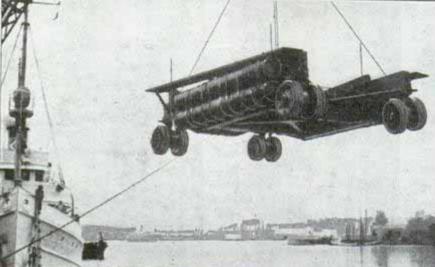
dition to almost two tons of mail and express, which alone is more than the entire payload of most transport planes now in service.

"Nineteen thirty-eight will mark the beginning of the four-engined era in overland air travel," says C. L. Egtvedt, president of the Boeing Aircraft company. "The Model 307 land passenger transports under construction for TWA and Pan American have been preceded by the 'flying fortress' type of bomber adopted by the army air corps. Many of the lessons and engineering principles learned in developing

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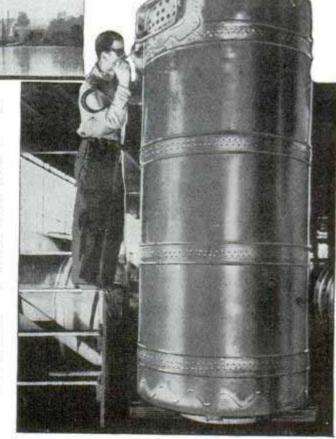
land transport will be. Another, looking like an unfinished motion-picture set on the outside, contains the complete cockpit and chart room of the new flying boat. A third represents a typical passenger compartment of the new land transport. Engineers, pilots, and department of commerce inspectors spend day after day in each of these structures, sitting in the seats, reaching for the controls, studying visibility, and suggesting minor changes.

The new overland passenger transports, which probably will go into service late in the summer, are to be all-metal low-wing monoplanes equipped with retractable landing gear and tail

the big fighting planes are being incorporated in the new passenger transports."

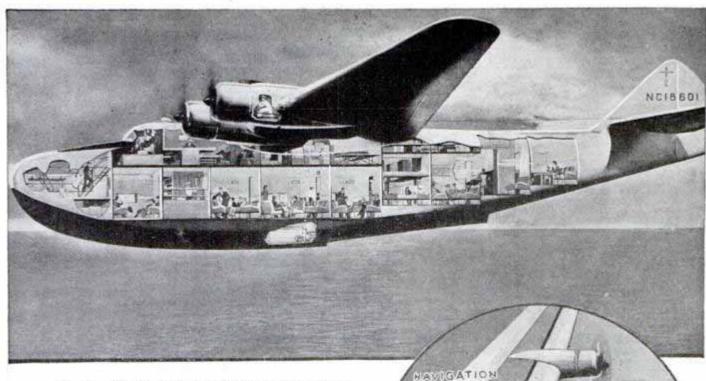
Boeing is building eight of the super-transports and Douglas is at work on the first of a similar series. The Douglas will be the first large transport to have level landing characteristics, a nose wheel permitting the plane to land level with the ground so that sleeping passengers will not be disturbed at each landing. At the same time, Boeing is building half a dozen tremendous flying boats far larger than the land planes. These will be veritable ocean liners of the sky.

At the Boeing factory in Seattle, where work on everything except four-motored airplanes has been discontinued, mechanics are swarming around huge hulls and are assembling gigantic wings that stretch from wall to wall. In other parts of the factory you find wood, metal, and cloth "mock-ups," full-scale facsimiles of the finished airplanes. One huge mock-up shows exactly what the exterior appearance of the new



Top, scaffolding allows craftsmen to work on hull at five levels. Center, Clipper's launching gear. Bottom, 600-gallon wing tank

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wheels. Perfect streamlining of the fuselage will give the planes the appearance of Zeppelins equipped with wings. Each plane will have a gross weight of 42,000 pounds, a wing span of 107 feet, a length of seventy-four feet, and will stand seventeen feet high. They will be powered with four 1,100-horsepower G-100 Wright Cyclones delivering a total of 4,400 horsepower.

In addition to a crew of four or five the transports will have accommodations for thirty-three passengers, or the interiors may be rearranged to carry twenty-five passengers on night flights, with sixteen passengers in sleeping berths and the others resting on reclining chairs. Behind the enlarged cockpit and auxiliary control room is a passenger baggage compartment accessible in flight, and beneath the floor are large cargo compartments. A men's washroom is provided forward of the main passenger cabin, with a ladies' room and galley at the rear.

At first appearance the cockpit of one of the new planes seems more complicated than ever before, but the instrument panels are arranged so that the pilot may control his plane with maximum ease. A compact group of flight instruments in front of the chief pilot's controls is duplicated by a similar set in front of the co-pilot. Between these two instrument groups is the automatic pilot panel with dials indicating the angle of the plane to the horizon and its

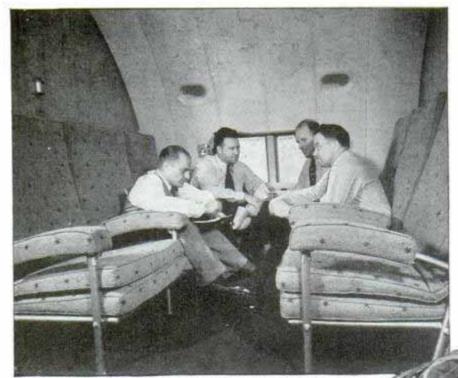
MEN'S ROOM Two sketches showing various details of the clipper ship. Circle, note catwalk permitting servicing of engines in flight and the turret in which navigator may make observations

direction of flight. Between the two pilot seats is a pedestal on which are mounted fuel and other engine controls and the controls that govern the automatic pilot.

The pilot may operate all four engines, either pair in the port or starboard bank, or any one engine individually, by means of hand controls. Overhead, above the cockpit's forward windows, are the ignition switches, light switches, and dials that show the position of the landing flaps and wheels. The radio operator will sit behind the chief pilot on the left side of the cockpit, reaching across to his instruments behind the co-pilot.

These great airplanes are to be the first to be provided with sealed cabins for sub-

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extremely low outside air pressure. Since building its first four-engined bomber in 1935 Boeing has turned out nearly a score of these flying fortresses. Having

to 250 miles per hour will be possible because of the

slimmer fuselages than the coming transports, these great fighting planes can fly even faster than the passenger transports will.

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stratosphere operation. Transports today have a passenger comfort ceiling of less than 14,000 feet. That confines them to altitudes containing rough air and dangerous mountain peaks. The new Boeings will be able to fly at 20,000 feet, far above rough air and the highest mountain peaks in continental United States, with the passengers enjoying the same comfortable air pressure that they would at altitudes of 8,000 to 10,000 feet. Two of the new planes will be equipped for this type of operation at the outset while the balance are being built so that the auxiliary pressure equipment can be installed at any time.

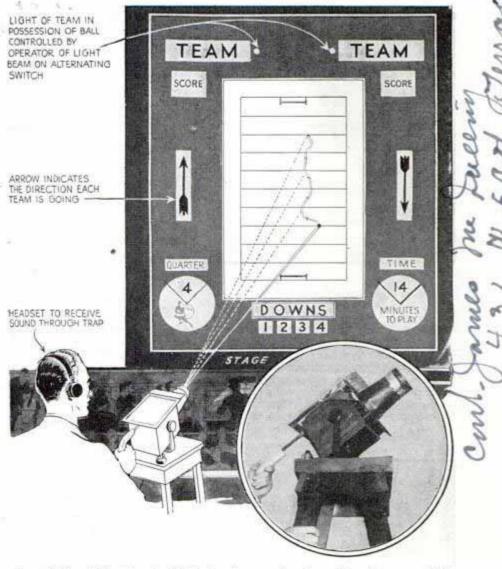
All passenger and crew compartments inside the planes are being sealed through the use of a pressure-tight skin, reinforced windows, and pressure doors. The sealed plane can withstand a design pressure of six pounds to the square inch, although an operating pressure of only two and a half pounds to the square inch between inside and outside pressures is all that will be required. Two newly developed mechanical superchargers, each operating on a fraction of the horsepower of one engine, will draw air in through intake valves far out along the leading edges of the wings to build up air pressure inside the cabin. Ducts will distribute the air uniformly throughout the cabin and the air will be drawn off into an anti-pressure chamber at the rear containing exhaust valves. In upper level operation cruising speeds up



Top, passenger compartment, as seen from center aisle. Center, one of the giant engines installed in a wood and metal mock-up of nacelle. Bottom, engineer checking size of berth compartment

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Curved line indicating football play is traced on board by sharp spotlight and holds glow for several seconds. Projector is shown in inset

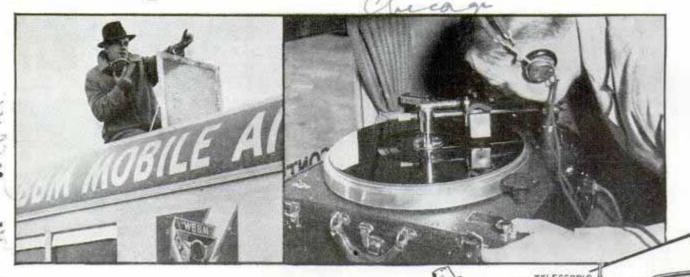
Glass-Nosed Pusher Plane Gives Mapper a Clear View



Built like a flying greenhouse, this plane allows the maximum vision for the aerial cameraman. Even engine and propeller are out of his way

Its forward cabin virtually a greenhouse of windows, a pusher plane designed for aerial photographers affords an unusually clear view. Engine and propeller are at the rear, out of the way of pilot and photographer, and the glass nose permits unobstructed sighting of the camera forward, downward and to right or left. The landing gear is the tricycle type, a wheel under the nose promoting safe landings.

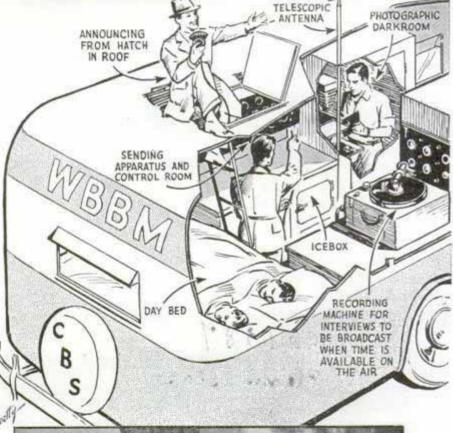
Radio Reporters Follow the News in a Trailer



When disastrous flood or wreck, golf tournament or baseball training camps call out radio reporters of station WBBM Chicago, they speed to the scene in an air theater on wheels. Trailer fully equipped for broadcast, with telephone, telegraph, recording instruments and photo studio carries special events crew. Drawing at right shows arrangement



Top, announcer climbs through hatch in roof to describe parade, and engineer cuts electrical transcription of broadcast on aluminum acetate record. At left, below, the control room, with amplifier at left, recorder and refrigerator at right. Bottom, engineer keeps in touch with WBBM control room by direct telegraph

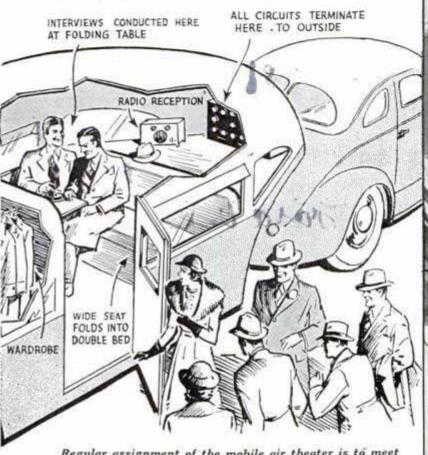


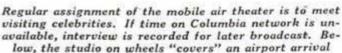


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Mobile Studio Is Fully Equipped Air Theater

Four members of crew sleep on double beds in trailer on overnight race to scene of spot news break. Announcer, right, reads dispatch from radio reporter in field, while below, newsmen use trailer office as "city desk" in preparing broadcast. Telephone is plugged in on nearest line. No matter what the local facilities, this traveling radio station can find a way out by phone or short wave. Thus it can help send rescue messages in emergency





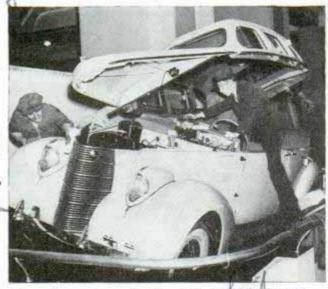




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Top of Show Auto Lifts to Reveal Interior



Top of car shown in elevated position, permitting thorough inspection

Novel among 1938 model automobiles exhibited at shows throughout the country was a car whose entire top could be lifted off. This permitted spectators to examine the interior appointments more closely than if the top had been attached.

Revolvers on Front of Auto Test Driver Reaction

Mounted on the front of a police test car, a device consisting of two revolvers and connections for firing them measures reaction time of automobile drivers. The motorist takes the wheel and the police inspector sits beside him. As the car reaches a predetermined speed, the inspector presses a bulb, firing one of the revolvers.



Revolvers strapped on front of test car, ready to show driver reaction

As the driver hears the report, he applies the brakes and a connection on the brake pedal discharges the other revolver. With its barrel pointed downward, the first revolver fires yellow chalk which leaves a mark on the pavement. The other revolver fires red chalk, also marking the pavement. Measuring the distance between the two chalk marks shows test officials how far the car travels before the driver reacts to the signal. By noting the distance from the red mark, where brakes are applied, to the point at which the car stops, officials determine effectiveness of brakes.

Car Seat Tilts In and Forward to Increase Passing Room

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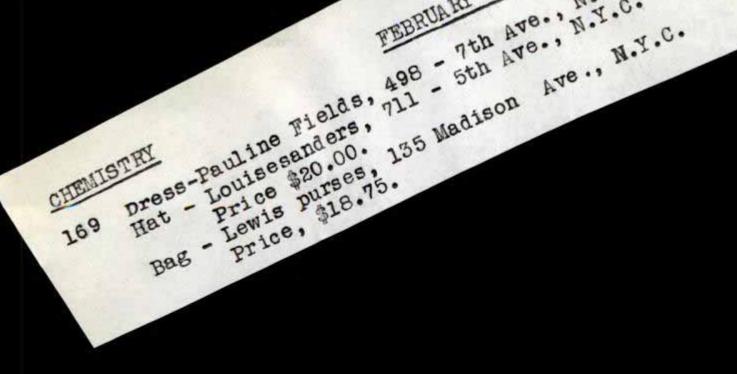
Designed to provide a wide passage into the rear compartment, the back of the front seat in the latest Ford two-door sedan is divided and hinged so that either



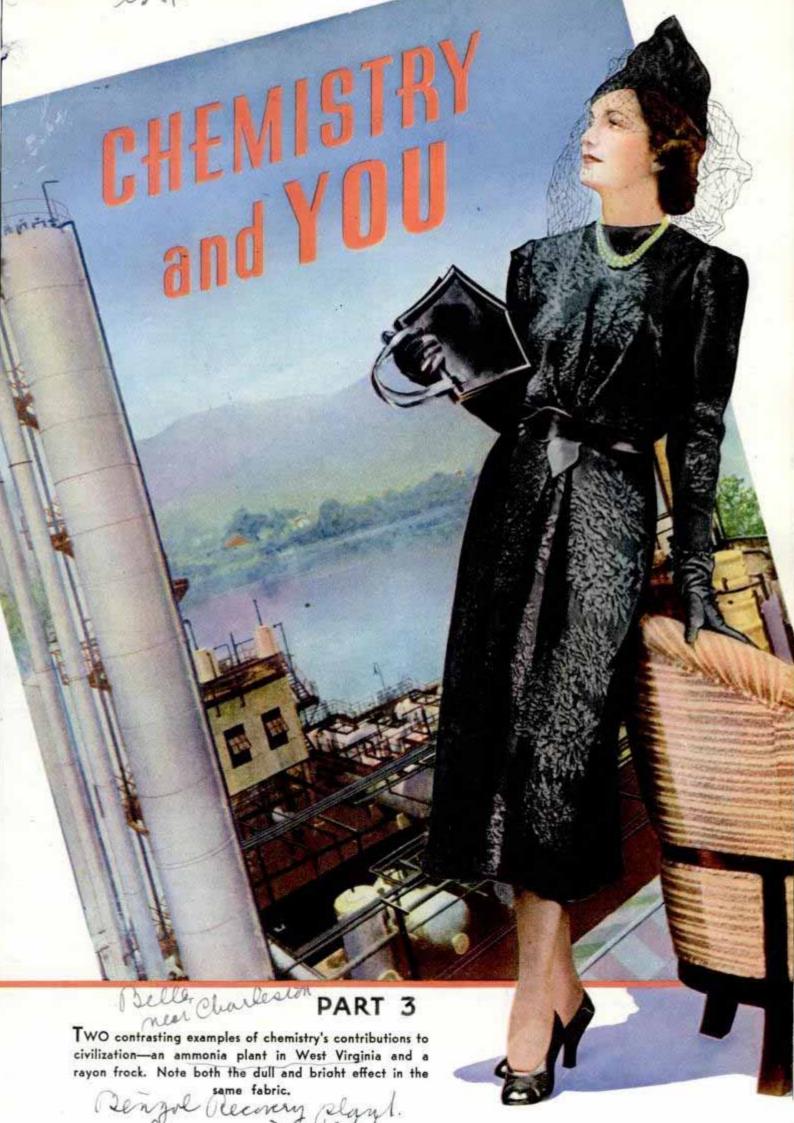
Back of divided front seat swings forward and inward in latest coach

section swings inward when it is tilted forward. This gives passengers more room to reach the back seat than they had in former models equipped with only the forward tilting seats. The front seat cushion is full width, only its back being divided. This design is offered as the solution to one of the industry's big problems.

Ford motor (9)









high-compression motors in automobiles, a development of depression years, was only made possible by the chemical improvement and stabilization of gasolines to give them and enable them to retain anti-knock qualities, and to inhibit the formation of gum. In recent tests motors have been run up to 100,000 miles without having to be overhauled for carbon

removal.

Cracking became commercially practicable in 1912. Improvements in the process have resulted in sensational increases in the yields of gasoline from crude oils, and have probably extended the life of our oil deposits by many years. Late in 1932 two plants for cracking by hydrogenation began operating in this country. This process makes possible yields of as high as 104 barrels of fuel from 100 barrels of low crudes that under old methods yield as little as five barrels, a feat that sounds like black

magic.

The rapid deterioration of cracked gasoline in storage now has been eliminated largely by the use of antioxidants which retard gum formation, and high test fuels may be stored for six months or longer as against the one-time limit of two or three weeks. Lubricating oil has been treated chemically and improved through the addition of extreme pressure lubricant bases. This has fitted it for gear loads double and quadruple what the untreated oil of a few years ago could carry, and made possible the use of im-







CHEMISTRY on a huge scale. At top of a coke-oven battery, the coal is charged into ovens and volatile matter is distilled off, leaving coke used in making "blue" water gas.

ripening of fruits and destroying insects on farm crops, to say nothing of various oils for medicinal use.

Ever since 1913 there have been discussions on making oil from coal. In that year Bergius, a German chemist, startled the scientific world by his discovery that this could be done. And Germany now actually is producing from coal about 300,000 tons of gasoline yearly, at a cost, however, of three or four times the cost of petroleum gasoline. England too is manufacturing the "liquid coal." In the United States with our vast oil reserves we have been only casually concerned in this development, but recently the Bureau of Mines opened an experimental plant in Pittsburgh to make oil and gasoline from American coals by the Bergius process. This is a step in preparedness, because while experts disagree widely on the probable life of our oil deposits, they all agree that they will not last indefinitely. In the opinion of the Bureau of Mines expert, Dr. Arno C. Fieldner, "the nation's proved oil supply can be depended on for only the next fifteen years," and he adds that about one-half of the world's coal reserves are in the United States and Canada.

Bergius also demonstrated that oil can be made indirectly from wood through first converting the wood into coal, which he did in a test tube. This suggests the possibility that oil might be made directly from wood, which is a replenishable resource. Still another possibility is that common plants grown on the farm might become the source of our motor fuels when petroleum deposits are exhausted; and research is going ahead in this field. It is extremely doubtful, however, as long as we have petroleum in abundance, if any substitute for it can be developed that will be able to compete with the low prices at which petroleum products are sold in America.

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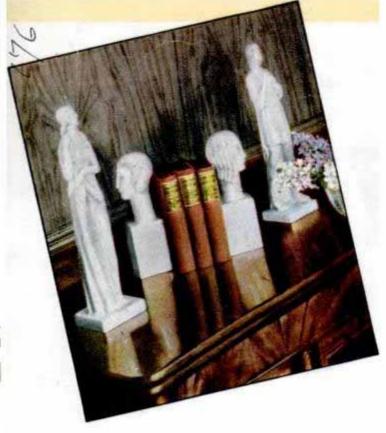




them until one recalls that as recently as 1929 stainless steel, for instance, was little more than an industrial curiosity, and that the first lightweight streamline railroad train dates only from 1934. Entirely apart from the utility added by these new metals and the new operations they are making possible, they have a tremendous significance to our economy in supplying a direct means of reducing losses from rust that have been estimated at \$3,000,000,000 annually.

The elements, caesium and rubidium, were known to our scientific grand-fathers, but only within recent years have they come into their own in a field so startling in its potentialities that the opening of it alone would stand as a gigantic achievement of our generation. An alkali metal such as caesium or rubidium is used as the essential element in the photoelectric cell or electric eye. This element might be called the retina of the electric eye. Such metals possess





PORCELAIN book ends and statuettes decorated with American ceramic colors. Top, every state in the Union contributes something to your automobile.

a sensitivity to light rays and colors that, in certain cases, is similar to and in some respects even superior to that of the human eye.

The photoelectric cell has an almost infinite range of actual and possible uses—in counting, sorting and in inspecting units. colors, and materials; in automatic alarm, signal and safety systems and, in fact, throughout mechanics; in photography, in communications, and notably in that fast developing new wonder of the air waves, television. They are being used in astrophysical and astronomical investigations to uncover the mysteries of stellar radiation. And some experimenters see in photoelectric cells the means by which man will in time convert to his use the vast and inexhaustible energy given off by the sun.

The vacuum tube is a triumph in the creation of new materials and the practical utilization of old materials such as tungsten and tantalum. Tubes are limited as yet in the amount of power they can handle, but work in progress with another rare metal, columbium, now indicates these limits may be extended to where tubes will be able to handle thousands instead of tens of kilowatts of power. Columbium is being put to other uses too, notably in alloying with stainless steel to give the property of cor-

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Car's Top Supports Twelve Tons in Load Test

Recent tests of the ability of all-steel automobile tops to support great loads revealed that manufacturers have made the safety factor much larger at that point than the public might suspect. Bags of sand were piled on a special platform built on top of sedan in the tests at the Studebaker plant. Not until the load had reached twelve tons did the roof and body begin to show signs of collapsing. Finally, with 24,750 pounds piled on top, the car's structure gave way. The weight required to break down the car was seven times the weight of the car.

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Here we see the automobile after it collapsed under a load of 24,750 pounds, seven times the weight of the sedan

es 1260 Bumpy Arrows in Pavement Keep Autos in Right Lane

Bumps in the middle of the street dis-

arrows have proved an effective method of courage motorists from wandering out of separating traffic bound in opposite directheir proper lanes, and raised lines and tions. The lines and arrows are painted white and raised about one inch above the payement. It is not impossible to cross this middle strip, but the bumps make it a bit uncomfortable and drivers usually stay

where they belong.



Coul he & Sweet Box 5 White pointers warn drivers to stay in their lanes, and are raised enough to make safety lane bumpy

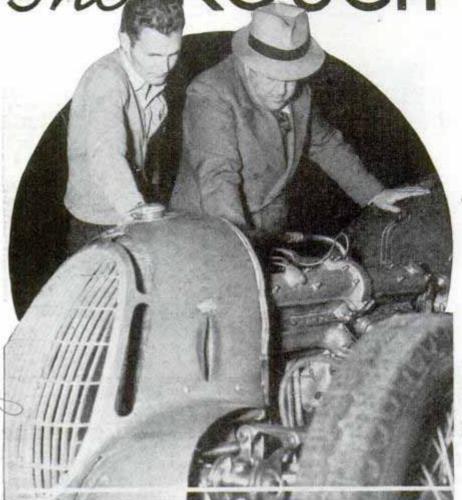
lo 1393 Linoleum and Rubber Floors Outlast Concrete Asphalt . 10 8

Floors of linoleum, flat-grained maple and rubber outlasted those of concrete and asphalt in a test to determine what materials would best withstand the wear of iron-wheeled post-office trucks. The 1,500pound trucks were driven 60,000 times around a forty-foot track paved with the various materials, and the concrete and as-Sphalt floors wore out first.

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By Maj. George H. Robertson General Manager, Roosevelt Raceway

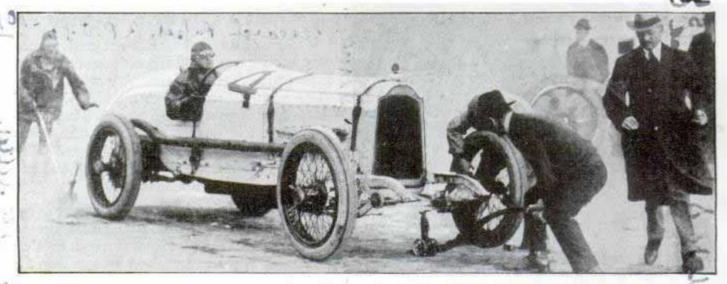
THE road to fame and fortune can be the firm conviction of hundreds of young fascinating sport but it is highly competi-

fellows today. Wherever there's an automobile on which to tinker, you'll find one of them tinkering-dissecting an old car in his dad's back yard, wielding a wrench in a neighboring garage, working without pay as a mechanic's helper at some local speed event. One and all, they dream of roaring to glory on the race track.

And some of them will do just that! Among these hundreds of young chaps with a consuming ambition to pilot a racer are the winners of future Indianapolis and Roosevelt Raceway classics. Two or three, perhaps, may become the American champions of tomorrow, men whose names will be-

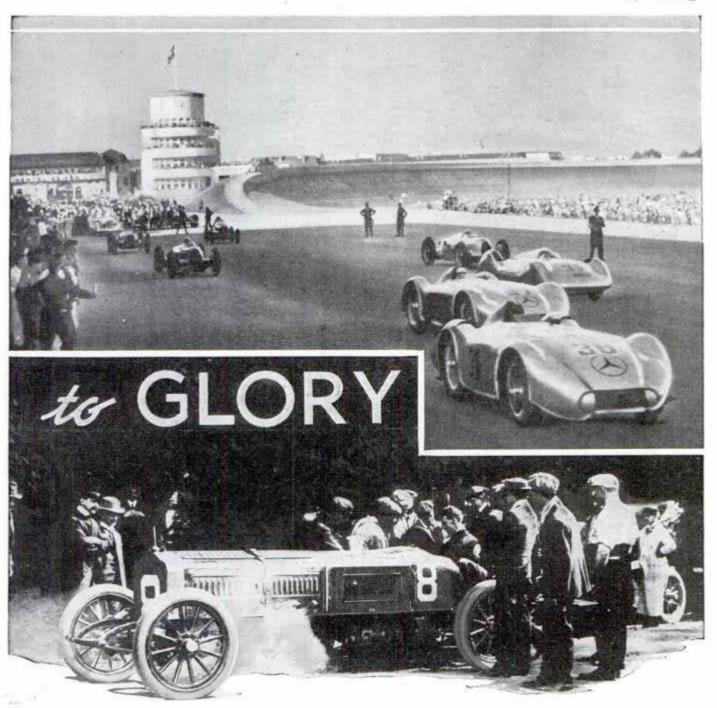
come racing bywords, like De Palma and Oldfield.

But for each one of these ambitious boys who makes a success of racing, a host of covered quickest in a racing car-that's others will fail. Racing is a truly great and



Al Poole in a Packard makes a pit stop during an early race. Top, Alfa Romeo which was remodeled and raced as a Bowes Sealfast Special at Indianapolis last year

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Mortimer Roberts in Thomas car practicing for 1908 Vanderbilt race. Top, start of a recent race in Berlin. Note the ultra-streamline design of the foreign cars

tive and, unfortunately, there is no royal road leading to a speed king's crown. It's a hard, tough climb from the bottom up. And the further up you go, the tougher becomes the going.

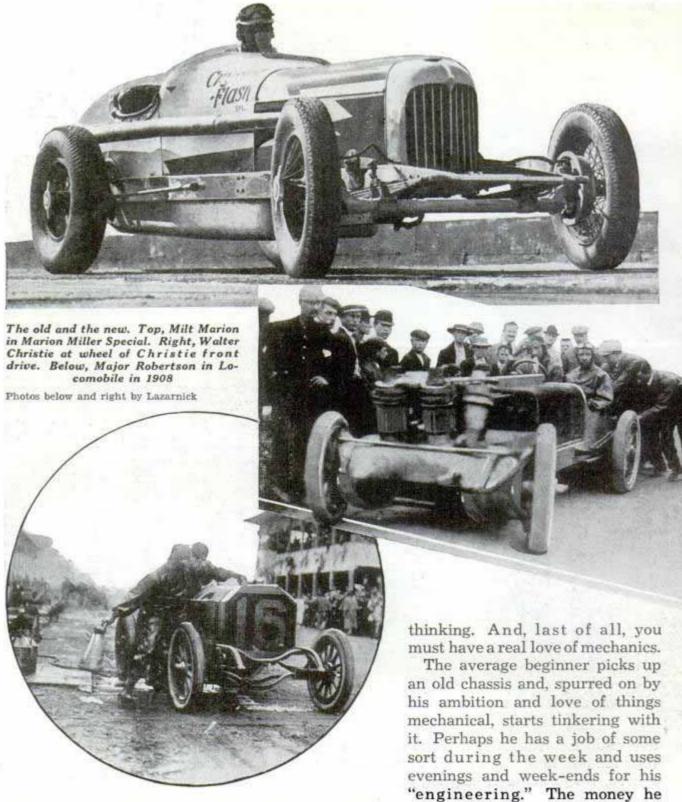
Racing cars cost money, not only to buy, but to maintain, and the only way to get this money is to win races, or at least place well up in most of your contests. One or two major crack-ups may take all you have made in months to get your car running again. You earn every dollar by licking stiff competition, and don't let anyone tell you the competition isn't tough.

But, despite all the handicaps, fame and

money await the young man who has the courage, the ability and the intelligence to pilot a racing car well enough to win more races than he loses. And, if you're determined to go into racing, there probably has never been a better time to start. In order to comply with the provisions of an international racing agreement, cars with smaller motors and minimum weight provisions will make their appearance in 1938.

This new breed of cars calls for a new breed of drivers, or at least for a change in driving technique. And that means that opportunity is knocking at the door of the beginner. But where to begin? That's the 180 1174 POI

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question that stumps nearly every wouldbe driver.

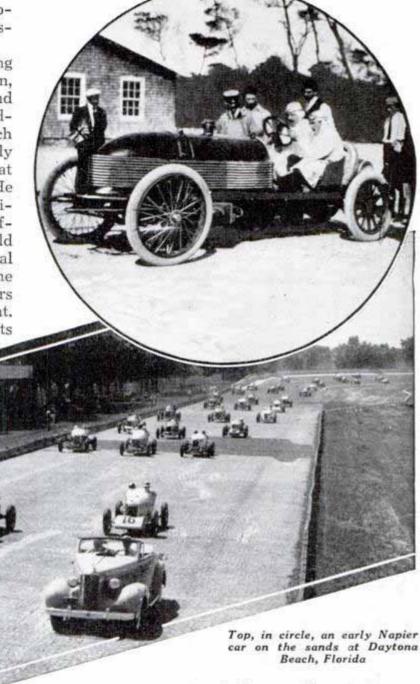
Don't begin at all unless you are a real "he-man." There's a thrill in every mile of every race—sometimes a hundred of them to the mile. You need more than courage and an ability to drive at high speed. You must be healthy, methodical, decent and have a mind for detail, accuracy and neatness. You need a brain capable of cool judgment and hair-trigger

saves from his job goes into parts when often it probably should go for food. Possibly there isn't any too much sleep for him during his "souping up" efforts, but who wouldn't lose a little sleep to become a speed king?

Finally his "racer" is completed and he whizzes around the neighborhood, the envy of small boys and the curse of the neighbors. Perhaps he does all the messy chores for some driver in local race meets

and eventually becomes a mechanic's helper, then finally applies and is accepted as a registered AAA mechanic.

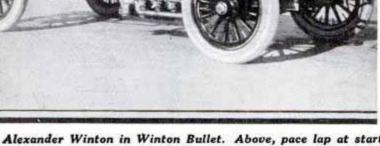
Meanwhile he has been working on his old bus, tearing it down, rebuilding it, improving here and there as he gains experience, adding a few ideas of his own which probably don't work. Eventually he decides the old car is not what he needs for racing after all. He disposes of it to some less ingenious enthusiast, probably at a profit, and perhaps picks up an old race car he has seen on some local track. Lovingly he labors over the old racer and eventually he enters this "rebuilt" bus in a local event. Ten to one, he loses and starts



tearing it down and putting it together again to remedy some fancied or real defect.

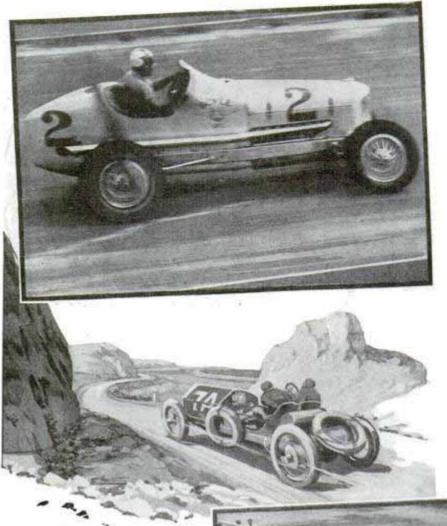
After a while he enters competition in near-by towns and cities and eventually-much to his own amazement-he wins a race. About then he gives up his job to devote all his time to racing and he's definitely off on the road to success or failure in the racing game. Dirt tracks come next, with stiffer competition, or perhaps he goes in for the midgets.

In some such fashion has nearly every one of our present-day racing drivers developed. Most of



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Alexander Winton in Winton Bullet. Above, pace lap at start of 1937 Indianapolis race



smaller dirt tracks which give the experienced professionals many gray hairs. Usually the prize is not large enough to risk a crack-up and the professional is in a spot as he sees some local boy, with nothing much to lose, burning up the track and inviting the experienced man to take the same chances with so much more at stake. And to the everlasting credit of the modern driver, it must be added that, more often than not, the professional accepts the challenge, throws discretion to the winds along with his meal ticket and risks his neck and his car to give the youngster a lesson.

Sometimes I think we old-timers - De Palma,

them have come along the hard, rough road of experience, dependent upon their own initiative and resourcefulness to live and to succeed. Most of the top-notchers have earned their success and deserve a lot of credit.

In Europe, most race cars are designed, built and financed by motorcar manufacturers, and drivers are employed on a regular salary, along with

a percentage of the cash prizes. If a car is wrecked, there is another to replace it. The driver has no worries but those of competition. At present few American drivers are financed either by individuals or accessory firms, so the American driver usually is handicapped constantly by financial worries.

Local youngsters, striving for reputations, sometimes take chances on the



Top, a modern racer with Jimmy Snyder at the wheel. Center, an Isotta-Fraschini racer of 1908. Below, lineup for Vanderbilt cup race

Oldfield, Louis Chevrolet and the rest—had more on the ball than modern drivers. Then I consider the phenomenal engineering ability of some drivers today; men who, hampered by lack of finances, still manage to put together cars which win races, and I decide we oldsters perhaps were not so hot after all.

It takes nerve and hair-trigger thinking to drive a racing car today. But in the early days, we had problems different from those of today. Our cars were heavy and without good brakes and the other refinements the cars have now. The roads were narrow, rough and, when oiled, very slippery. With it all, we did our part in the pioneering, and we all usually had a sense of humor.

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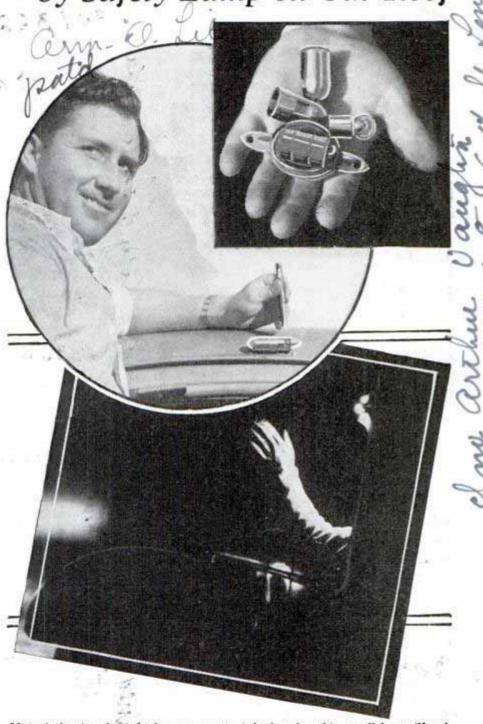
Ralph De Palma had a sense of humor. In the 1912 Indianapolis race, he took the lead almost from the start. Three laps from the finish and when he was nearly five laps ahead of the second man, the motor bearings of his Mercedes burned out near the start and finish line. Knowing there was no hope of making repairs, he jumped out and pushed his car across the finish line to his pit. He was beaten but not licked, for he grinned as he pushed. Victory would have given him more than \$25,000 in prizes.

For sheer courage, Jimmy Murphy stands near the top. Jimmy was selected to drive one of three Duesenbergs entered in the French Grand Prix at Le Mans in 1921. A week before the race, he upset, suffering internal injuries. But he insisted on driving and went into the race with the en-

tire upper part of his body tightly bandaged. And he won at an average of about seventy-eight miles per hour, the first 1 ly down on the motorist's signaling arm time, before or since, that an American when he extends it to indicate he is turnever won a race in major European competition. The fly in the winning ointment came when the Duesenberg team attended a luncheon given by the mayor of Le Mans, supposedly for the winner. I was manager

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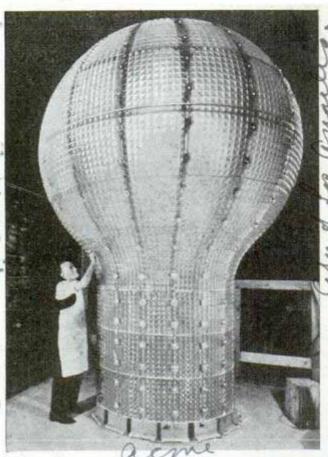
Driver's Signal Arm Lighted by Safety Lamp on Car Roof



Motorist's signal might be unseen at night but for this small lamp illuminating his arm. At top are lamp parts and installation over car door

One of the latest aids to safe driving at night is a lamp that throws a beam directing or stopping. The bulb is in a zeppelinshaped, chromium-brass shell screwed to the car roof and connected with the taillight so that it is always lighted when the rear lamp is turned on. The light can be attached to any car in twenty minutes.

Giant Electric-Light Bulb Tops Edison Memorial



Huge electric-light bulb which will supply illumintation for Edison memorial

Requiring eight months in construction by a crew of experts, a fourteen-foot electric-light bulb will surmount the Edison memorial tower at Menlo Park, N. J., in commemoration of the invention of the incandescent electric light. In preparing the bulb for shipment, the workers fitted more than 6,000 pounds of amber-tinted glass over a three-ton steel skeleton.

Gas-Oven Thermostat Shows Temperature Changes



Showing the temperature changes, from cold to cooking heat, a new oven thermostatis adaptable to all gas ranges. A visual pointer indicates the oven heat at all times, rotating

gradually with each temperature change until it attains the mark set on the thermostat dial for any cooking operation desired. As the oven cools the temperature change is shown and when the oven is not in use the unit indicates room temperature.

Three-Car Diesel Locomotive to Pull Streamliner

Consisting of three cars housing six 900-horsepower Diesel engines, a giant locomotive has been tested for pulling a long streamline train between Chicago and Los Angeles on a thirty-nine and three-quarter hour schedule. With the six engines synchronized, the locomotive develops 5,400 horsepower and speeds above 110 miles per hour. Each engine has twelve cylinders. Control of the entire power plant centers in the cab in the nose of the first car. The engines drive generators which provide electricity for the two traction motors on each of the six trucks.

Adjustable Chair Has Radio, Clock and Telephone

Almost everything for entertainment and comfort has been provided in a new chair now on the market. Upholstered in white antique leather and royal velvet, the chair has a release knob for raising or low-



This chair has many conveniences that will appeal to the stay-at-home occupant

ering the back for the occupant's convenience. Adjusting the back to horizontal position converts the chair into a bed. In the right arm of the chair is a radio with

illuminated dial, a telephone, an electric clock and a humidor for cigars and pipe tobacco. Beneath the arm is an electric phonograph, or a typewriter if the owner prefers. The left arm contains a desk or lap board which may be used as a meal tray or game board or as typewriter and writing table. There also is storage space for razor, pencils, notebooks, comb and brush and other accessories. Beneath the left arm is space for refreshment supplies, including glassware service for four persons. The radio's loudspeaker is concealed by the upholstery of the back. Above the

back is a reading lamp.

Small Single-Track Tractor Replaces Two Earm Horses



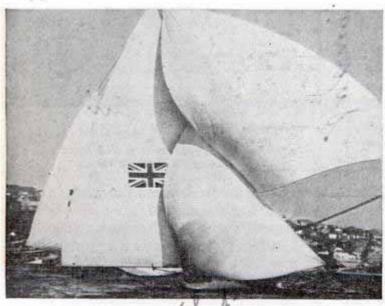
Demonstrating how the small tractor can turn sharply while pulling farm - 10 13 2 4. implement. Note that the tractor has only one track

Racing Yacht Goes into Hiding Behind Vast Expanse of Sail

With all her canvas set, the racing yacht "Australia II" vanished behind the trerace. The photographer caught the unusual view of the "sails without a boat" as of Sydney harbor. The picture was taken during the running of the Epsom handicap.

Designed to do the work of two horses on the farm, a small single-track tractor has been tested with good results. It operates on a single-track unit which is both the means of steering and of propelling the mendous expanse of sails during a recent machine. A two-cylinder motorcycle engine supplies the power. The tractor may be used with rear wheels and a drawbar the wind drove the racer over the waters for the rear wheels may be replaced by any horse-drawn implement, such as mower, "ten-foot cultivator or two-row corn culti-

vator. Adaptation and attachment of the implements is simple. One man operates the tractor and the implement. The machine is so narrow that it may be used in row cultivation and so low that it can be used under trees. Weight of the machine is so distributed and steering-transmission so designed as to make for excellent traction and maximum ease in steering. The tractor may be run in small circles. It operates on about onehalf gallon of gasoline per hour.



Plenty of sail, but no yacht in sight! You'll have to take our word that the "Australia II" is carrying all this canvas

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Blackboard Used in Boat Race to Flash Messages to Pilot



Race pilot's helper flashes message to speedboat occupants while standing in shallow water holding the big blackboard

Oslach Cale Taking a tip from the speedways, pilots of speedboats are getting their signals from the "pits" by means of blackboards. The number of the lap and instructions are written on the blackboard, which is held up by a helper wading in shallow water.

Baby Chicks Shipped by Plane to South America

Twelve-hour chicks, transported by clipper planes, are being shipped from Florida

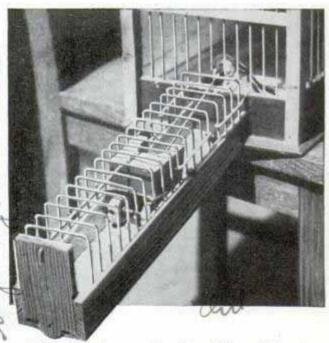
Loading boxes of baby chicks aboard clipper plane

and Texas to South and Central American points in perforated boxes. Chicken farm owners are regulating their hatching according to the amount of airplane space available, as the volume of business increases rapidly. Transport companies limit shipments to chicks less than twelve hours old because of the good health and cleanliness of the newly hatched chicks.

Bird Is Trained to Work for Its Food

When mealtime comes for Oscar, a trained gold-

finch, the bird pulls a string, drawing a small truck up a runway to his cage. In the midget-truck is the bird's food, seeds at



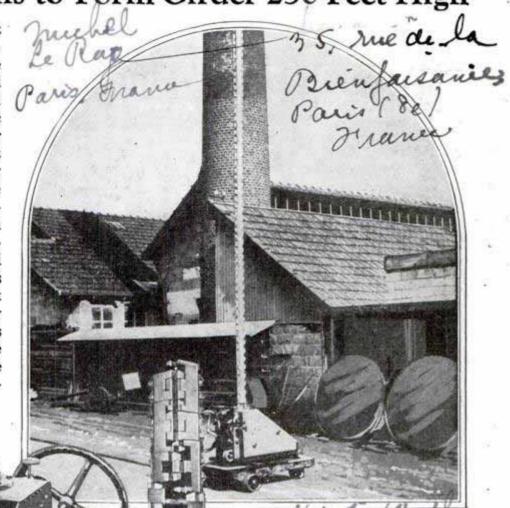
Trained bird snapped as it pulled small truck containing its food up incline

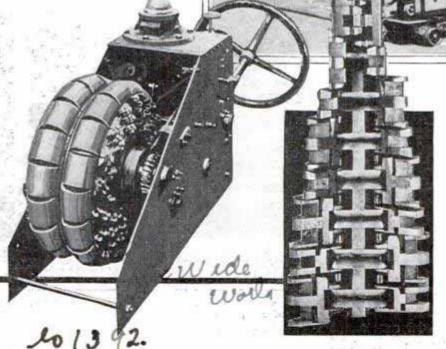
which he may peck when the work is done. The goldfinch seems to have learned that he can eat only when he works. The sight of the toiling bird attracts many sightseers.

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Chain Unrolls to Form Girder 250 Feet High

Thrusting itself straight up into the air in somewhat the manner of the Indian rope trick, a coiled chain invented by a French aviation mechanic is converted into a girder rising nearly 250 feet. It rolls up very compactly on a truck. Then at the turn of a wheel the interlocking parts of the chain close together and it becomes a rigid vertical girder, of use perhaps as radio antenna for a truck or a tank, or as a railway signaling device. It has been suggested that the chain girder could be raised from a sunken submarine as a signal.





Top, the chain girder thrust upward from its truck, standing rigid as a mast. It can be raised thus to a height of close to 250 feet. At left is the chain coiled, showing wheel which raises or lowers it, and closeup illustrating how the parts interlock

Cosmic-Ray Hunt in Mine Shaft Finds Rays Pierce Ground 1,600 Feet

Those mysterious cosmic rays that bombard the earth constantly pierce its rock crust to a depth of at least 1,600 feet. Scientists have studied the rays on mountain tops, in polar regions, in stratosphere balloons and deep under water. Recently a University of Chicago scientist took his instruments down into a mine shaft slanting at thirty-four degrees to vertical, so that absorption of the rays could be measured at any depth of the rock surface. Even at 1,600 feet the rays were observed.

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By H. W. Magee

CHILDREN were amused thirty years ago by a strange spinning toy which seemingly defied the laws of gravity—a little flywheel so mounted that it was free to turn in any position around its center of gravity, the only fixed point.

And because one man of vision was intrigued by such a toy, its uncanny balancing properties today are harnessed to the controls of ships and airplanes. "Metal mikes" steer ocean liners better than the best helmsmen, metal robots fly planes better than the best pilots, and travel by water and by air has been made safer and more comfortable for millions of people.

Not only has this toy grown up to fly planes and steer ships, but its properties have been applied to many of the instruments and controls governing both forms of travel. Its principles are incorporated in the non-magnetic compasses which keep thousands of vessels on course, for example, and in the aviation instruments which enable airplanes to fly "blind."

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Pan American plane equipped with gyropilot. Control unit, below, is in center of instrument panel

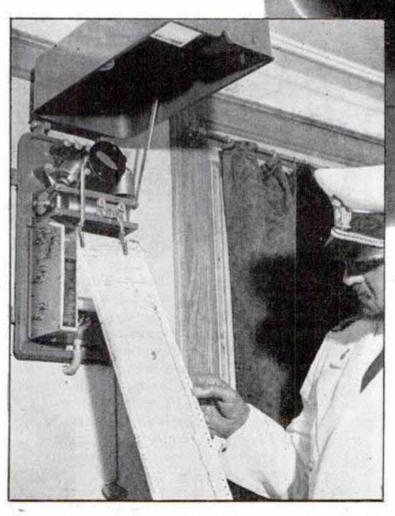
The man who conceived the idea of developing a toy into a helmsman for ships and a pilot for planes was the late Dr. Elmer A. Sperry, inventor, and founder of the Sperry Gyroscope company. The little toy which fascinated him was called a magic top by youngsters; their scientific elders, to whom the toy presented interesting problems in higher mathematics, knew it as a gyroscope.

In 1904 Dr. Sperry bought a gyro model

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for his children but the children had little chance to play with it. He became so interested in the unusual behavior of the little balancing wheel that he found it impossible to lay it aside. Its properties, he decided at once, could be put to some practical purpose. But what?

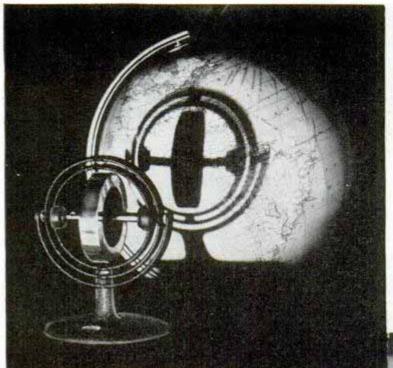
There was a pressing need at the moment for a non-magnetic compass for ships, a compass which would not be affected by magnetism of the vessel and its cargo, electrical disturbances or local



Top, navigating boat with aid of gyrocompass. Below, course of vessel throughout a voyage is transcribed on this course recorder chart

magnetic attractions. It had been demonstrated that a gyroscope can be so mounted that it will aline its axis with the axis of any angular motion to which it is subjected—the earth's rotation, for example. Why not, reasoned Dr. Sperry, make practical use of the earth's rotation by using a gyroscope as a compass? And that is what he did.

He made a model of a gyrocompass utilizing the earth's rotation to give a true-north reading. A friend to whom he appealed for financial aid asked an unbiased engineer to investigate the proposition. The engineer reported that the meridian-seeking part of such a compass would have to weigh at least 100 pounds



With the little gyro model, above, it is easy to simulate the action of the huge gyrostabilizer, right, on an Italian liner

and be suspended with such complete absence of friction that this 100-pound weight would move under a force equivalent to two-hundredths of an ounce—about half the force a healthy mosquito might exert. This, said the engineer, appeared mechanically impossible so the friend refused to invest.

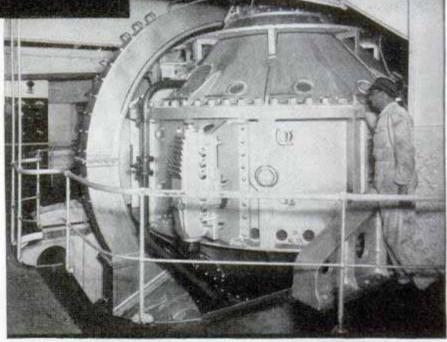
Then the inventor reached a decision which was to influence the history of water and air transportation. He mortgaged

everything he owned, formed his own company and financed the compass himself. Twenty-five years later more than 2,000 of these "mechanically impossible" compasses, forerunners of many other gyroscopic devices, were guiding vessels all over the world.

You can demonstrate the action of such a compass with a gyro model consisting of a wheel, or rotor, revolving in bearings in an inner ring which, in turn, is free to revolve in pivot bearings in an outer ring about an axis at right angles to the axis of rotation of the wheel. The outer ring likewise is free to revolve in pivot bearings in a supporting frame about an axis at right

angles to the axis of rotation of the inner ring. This universal mounting permits the wheel to turn about its vertical, horizontal and spinning axes.

Hold the model with the base against your body. The top of your head is the north pole, your waist is the equator. Represent the pull of gravity by holding the outer ring and supporting frame between thumb and forefinger. No matter which way the gyro axle points at first, it will move into a position parallel with the body, or axis or rotation, and the direction of rotation of the wheel will be



the same as that of your body. Turn in either direction and the gyro will assume a position in which it can revolve in the same direction in which you are turning.

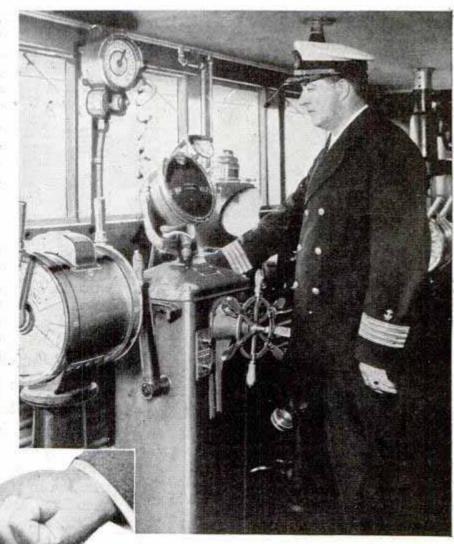
The rotor of the gyrocompass behaves in like manner. As the earth revolves, the rotor alines itself so its spinning axle is in line with the axis of the earth and pointing to the geographic north and south. A compass card is operated electrically from the gyro wheel so its north and south points always are in line with the gyro axle. Such a compass is non-magnetic and hence free from variation and deviation and its directive force is about 150 times that of a magnetic compass. In addition, in

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modern installations an electrical transmission system makes it easy to operate repeater compasses in various parts of the ship as well as a course recorder which supplies a record on a printed chart of all changes in course during a voyage and the time each occurs.

Today the rotors or flywheels of various gyroscopic devices in use range all the way from two inches to thirteen feet in diameter and from twelve ounces to 110 tons in weight. The largest rotors are employed to keep ships from rolling.

The ability of the gyrocompass to operate repeater compasses led to the

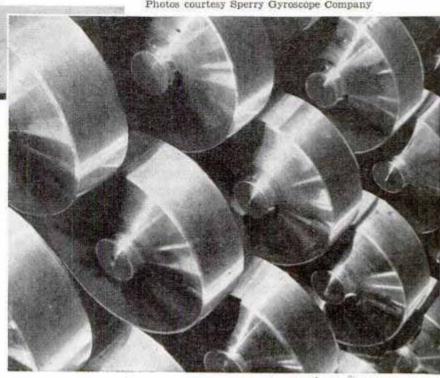


Steering repeater mounted on bridge unit of gyropilot. Left, demonstrating action of gyrostabilizer on ship. Below, gyro wheels or rotors

Photos courtesy Sperry Gyroscope Company

eventual development of the "iron quartermaster" or "metal mike," a gyropilot capable of steering a ship automatically, manipulating the controls more precisely than the most skilled hands. Departure of a ship from a set course is detected at once by a mas- ter compass and transmitted to a repeater motor which completes an electrical circuit. This, in turn,

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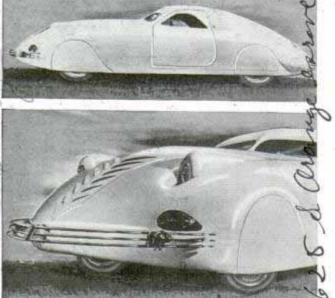


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Super-Car Has Front Drive and Electric Gear Shift

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Two views of specially designed car. Bottom, note unusual front end treatment

Expense was disregarded in the construction of a super-automobile exhibited recently. Considered one of the most striking and revolutionary cars ever built, it has a speed of 122 miles per hour developed by a small engine. Features include front drive, electric gear shift, four forward speeds, independently sprung wheels and an interior lining of rubber.

"Elastic Metal" Made by Blend of Steel with Soft Rubber

By combining steel with soft India rubber, engineers have developed an "elastic metal" of value to industry. It is described as an excellent material for manufacturing springs and for machinery couplings, and is also used in sound-absorbing devices.

Quakeproof Water Mains Built with Pipes That Will Bend

If earthquakes come again to San Francisco, the city will not be caught as in 1906 with a disrupted water supply system. The water department engineers have mapped a quakeproof system of mains, using pipes that will bend without breaking, open con-

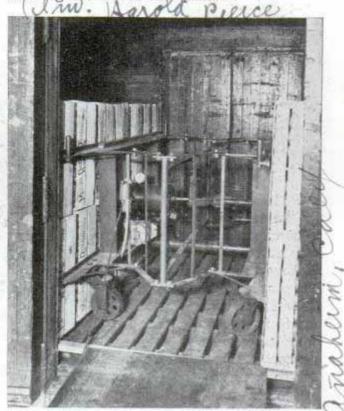
duits on the surface instead of buried pipes in particularly dangerous zones, and auxiliary reservoirs arranged so that no part of the city can be left without water even if isolated from other sections.

Ring of Iron around British Cliffs Is Blamed for Shipwrecks

Frequent foundering of ships on Flamborough Head, a sharp point of land extending from the eastern coast of England, is blamed on a submerged "band of iron" around the cliffs. Four vessels have been sunk in the last year and an investigator expressed the belief that the iron mass, created by the sinking of many iron ships at that point, affects compasses and deceives navigating officers.

Hydraulic Squeeze Packs Boxes into Freight Cars

For packing boxes of uniform size into a freight car, a device known as the hydraulic squeeze has been invented. It is wheeled in after the ends of the car have been filled, set in place and an electric motor started. As the hydraulic pressure increases the squeezing apparatus unfolds, sheving the boxes into place.



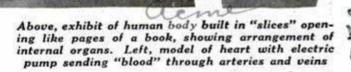
Here is the hydraulic squeeze packing fruit boxes securely in freight car

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'Working Model' Shows What Makes Man Go,

Man's inner construction and how his "plant" works can be seen in a series of "working models" on exhibit at the New York Museum of Science and Industry. One of these is an over-sized model of the human heart with valves that open and close while an electrical pump arrangement keeps the "blood" coursing through glass veins and arteries. Another is a human body in sections opening like the pages of a book, showing the arrangement of internal organs. The series of models tells the story of man from cell to adult.

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Changing-Color Ink Used in Novelty Printing

Capable of changing from one color to another under heat, a new ink is expected to find wide usage for novelty printing. When heat is placed in proximity of printing in which the ink has been used, the red colored ink changes to black. When the heat source is removed the red color returns.

Electric Detector Sorts Out Herring Wearing Metal Identification Tags

Alaska herring are "frisked" for metal identification tags at the rate of 100 herring per second by an electric detector. Thousands of herring are tagged every year by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, and it would be impossible to sort the captured fish by hand, for the herring is marked

with a tiny numbered steel plate inserted in the body cavity. The conveyors through which herring pass in unloading are surrounded by electric coils. The electric field is disturbed by the tiny metal tags and a trap door is closed until the tagged herring is removed.

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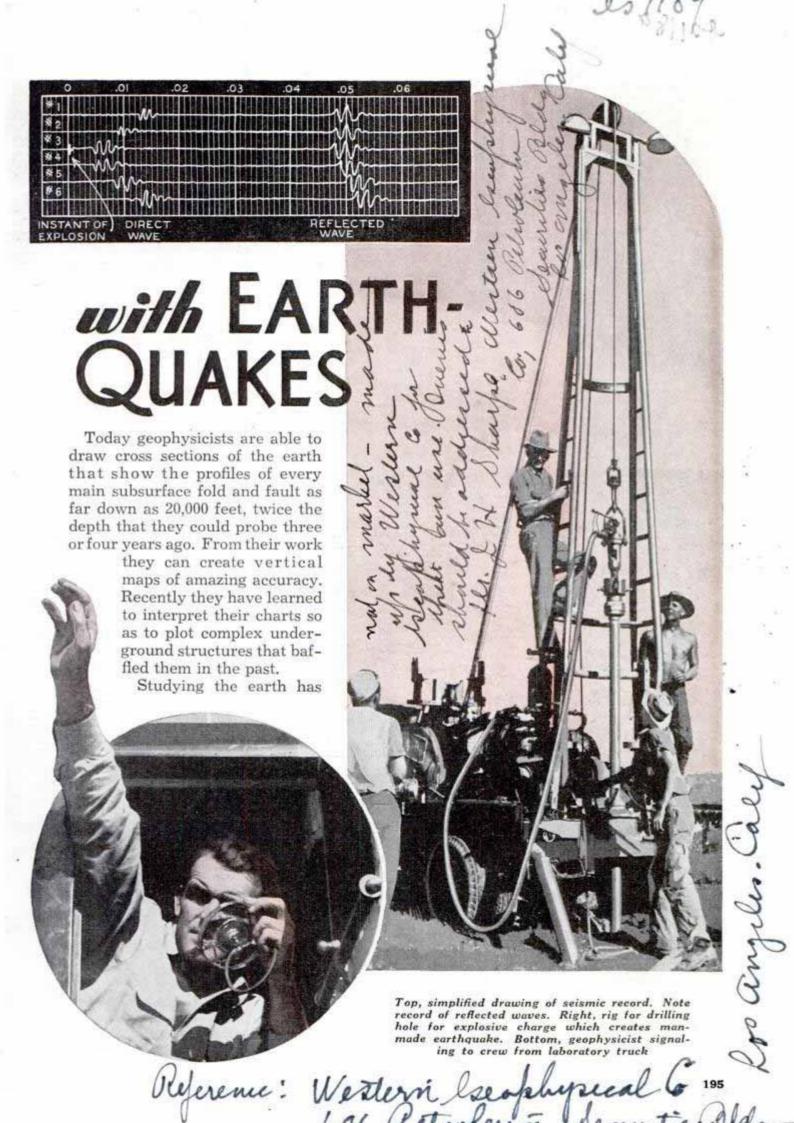
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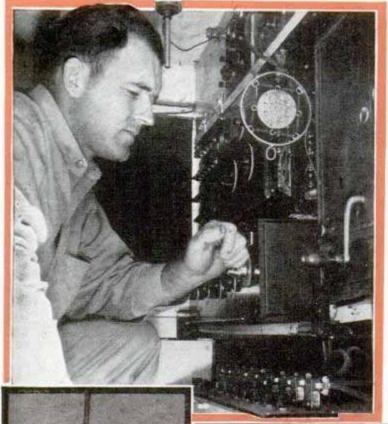
NSIDE the darkened mobile laboratory the chief geophysicist pushes twice on the warning buzzer and barks "Ready!" into the microphone. At once a voice comes back over the phone cables: "One! Two!-" ground heaves and the truck rocks from the shock. Outside, near the explosives truck parked a short distance away, a rushing geyser of mud and water shoots high into the air. An actual earthquake rocks the earth, but it is one that was made to order. Twenty

pounds of dynamite have been exploded underground. The tailormade temblor was manufactured on the spot so that its vibrations would reveal the earth strata far

There is nothing new about the idea of getting a picture of subsurface formations by studying reflected vibrations, but it is news

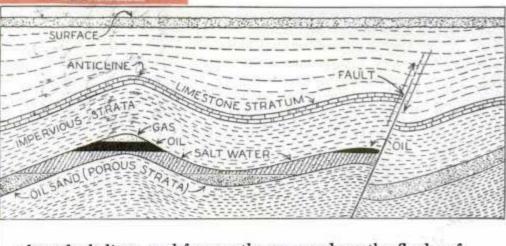
that exploring with dynamite has become an exact science. Until recently the technique of creating baby earthquakes and putting them to work was somewhat unreliable and far from fully developed.





become important because petroleum companies are anxious to discover new oil fields and to estimate our potential oil reserves. Geophysics has become a major aid in helping to point the drilling tools accurately. Fifteen million dollars are being spent annually in this kind of exploration and thousands of square miles in several states are being charted every year. Most of the recently discovered oil fields were either first pointed out or confirmed by geophysical prospecting before the first wells were drilled.

Specifically, what the scientists look for are faults, salt domes, or anticlines, which are arched subsurface strata that resemble underground hills. The anticlines are apt to hold trapped oil in their folds; oil or gas is often found



along fault lines, and frequently occurs along the flanks of salt domes. Other types of complex uplifts that can be detected by geophysics are also potential oil reservoirs.

While the batting average of wells drilled in locations that were recommended by such prospecting is extremely high, not all anticlines, for instance, contain oil. Geophysics merely locates structures in which oil often does occur.

Out in the field the men of the crew combine delicate scientific research with hard, roughneck work. Their heavy trucks may carry them into desert wastes twenty miles from the nearest road, or climbing into the hills where no one would dream trucks could be driven. The first thing on the program is to drill a shot hole, from twenty to 400 feet deep, depending upon the depth of the unconsolidated surface soil. The dynamite charge must be exploded against solid material. A portable rotary drilling rig that is a complete oilwell drilling outfit in miniature is carried on one truck.

After the hole is drilled the powder men on the dynamite truck prepare a charge of waterproof dynamite, poking it

Top, interior of laboratory truck where seismic records are drawn on paper cylinder. Bottom, preparing to drive dynamite charge into hole. Drawing at right shows typical cross section of earth's crust



Bottom photo, one of the laboratory trucks in the field, completely equipped for "making" earthquakes and recording results. Note cable reels and racks for seismometers on side of the truck

strings of insulated cable from the truck while a third hurriedly digs a small. hole in the ground beside each of the metal boxes. A phone cable is laid out to

The heavy metal pots are earthquake registering seismometers, so ruggedly Le constructed that they can be tossed off the truck without harm, (Continued to page 116A)

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Save Eyes of Students

This White Blackboard is dedicated to the preservation of the eyesight of school students and to the creation of a more cheerful atmosphere in the classroom.

White board on wall of an Elgin, Ill., school brightens the room and is easy on the eyes

White "blackboards" are being tried in the Elgin, Ill., high school on the theory that black "chalk" on a white board is easier to read than white chalk on black. Besides relieving eyestrain, the white boards combined with light-colored walls make the classroom seem more cheerful.

Guitar with a Sliding Keyboard Makes Chord Playing Easy

It takes but a few minutes even for a eginner to learn to play the harmony of any simple tune on a guitar which has a sliding keyboard. This keyboard moves freely along the full length of the neck.



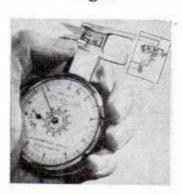
White keyboard sliding along neck of guitar makes

White Board, Black Chalk making possible the vibrant quality of a steel guitar and requiring only three fingers to form any chord. The musician can play any close harmony of blending tones. At any position, the keyboard produces a perfectly harmonious chord. An electric

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model has also been developed.

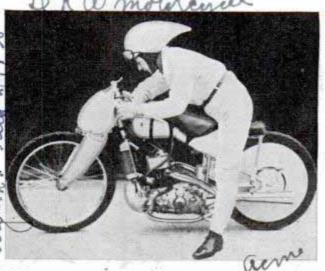
Jewelry settings, mounted or loose, may be measured and their weight estimated by a simple gauge now on the market. Three-dimensional measurement of gems and the size of openings in



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metal are shown on a dial. Loose stones are placed on a built-in platform for measurement, while mounted stones are measured by projecting jaws.

Racer with a Streamline Helmet Rides Streamline Motor Bike



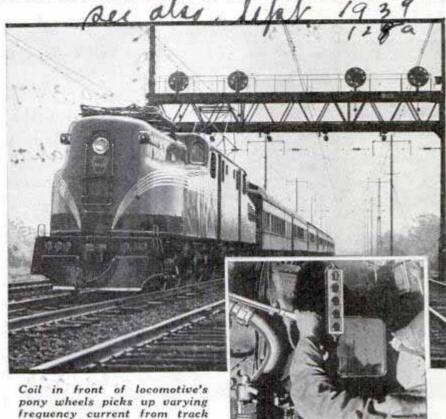
Helmet conforms to curve of motorcyclist's back when crouching and cuts wind resistance

To reduce wind resistance to a minimum, the rider of a German racing motorcycle wears a streamline helmet. The motor bike itself is also streamlined. It has participated in a racing meet for automobiles and motorcycles on the new "Reichsautobahn," the express highway near Frankfurt, and already has set speed records.

Rail Is Both Vein and Nerve of Electric Line

Steel rails do multiple duty on the modern electric railway, serving as both nerves and veins of the line as well as shouldering the burden of heavy steel trains. As nerves they must carry the low-voltage current that operates block signals, sets crossing signals at the approach of a train and flashes control signals to the engineer in his cab. But at the same time, as veins, they must carry the 11,000-volt power current on its return from the locomotive to the source at the powerhouse or sub-station. Signals are based on insulating one block from the next, yet the power circuit

must flow continuously through the blocks. This put a problem up to the engineers, and they solved it by using different frequencies in the rails just as the "air" is divided into frequency bands for various radio broadcasting stations. The 11,000volt power flows as alternating current at a frequency of twenty-five cycles per second. The block signals are actuated by an inter-rail circuit of about twelve volts on a 100-cycle per second frequency, and at box" which acts as a filter, permitting a - signal; no code, train in block ahead.

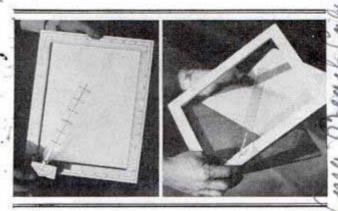


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frequency of twenty-five cycles to pass but holding back other frequencies; thus the return line of the power circuit is continuous but the track circuit is confined to its block. The cab signals use a current of varying frequency superimposed on the other circuits by a code transmitter. A coil on the locomotive picks up the varying fre--quency current from the coder, a frequency of 180 per minute lighting the "clear" signal; 120 per minute, two blocks clear, the end of each block is an "impedance one occupied; eighty per minute, approach

Four-Sided Rule Anchors Protractor to Drawing Board

and operates signal lights in cab



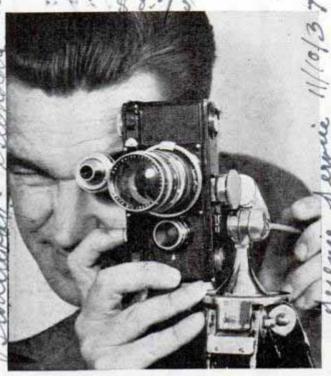
ule acts as frame for drawing, and protractor can be fastened by clamp to any side of square

Designed for home, school or draftsman, a drawing board now offered is provided with a rule square which serves several purposes. It is a four-sided ruler, it holds the paper flat to the board, it provides a margin for the drawing, and it serves as anchorage for a protractor. The protractor is fastened to a clamp which can be attached to any side, and on the clamp is an are indicator for projecting angles.

American railroads' water bill is \$50,-

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Tripod with Swinging Head Holds Camera at Angle

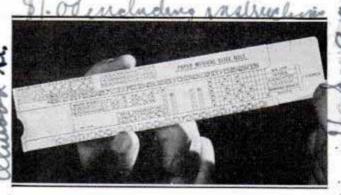


If camera has threads on only one side, swinging head on tripod permits mounting camera at any angle

For cameras which have tripod threads on only one side, a swinging tripod head is available. It permits the photographer to move his camera from horizontal to vertical position without removing it from the tripod. At the touch of a button the camera swings in an arc of ninety degrees and a slight twist of the tripod handle locks it in any desired position.

Slide Rule for Musicians Is Aid to Student and Composer

As an aid to the music teacher, student, composer and arranger a musical slide rule has been devised. It shows at a glance the



This slide rule enables composer or player to transpose quickly and helps teach fundamentals of music

major and minor scales, the various chords in every key, and helps to transpose complete orchestral parts quickly from one key to another. Correct keys for B-flat, Fland E-flat instruments, working from any given concert key, are also shown.

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Automatic Parachute Opens Self

When Air Rushes Past

If an airplane pilot or passenger fails to pull the rip cord of his parachute as he drops to earth, an automatic parachute just patented will save him. It opens itself at a fixed interval after the wearer jumps from his plane. The self-opening 'chute was designed in two forms. In one the air rushing past the pack turns a small propeller which throws out the parachute after a certain number of revolutions. In the other, the pressure of the air opens the 'chute after a stated interval.

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Pressure Belt for Power Tool Relieves Arms of Strain



Operator applying pressure on tool by means of belt.

His hands guide the tool

Designed to relieve the operator's arms of strain in using portable power tools, a pressure belt now on the market leaves the hands free for the more important job of guiding the tool. The belt is equipped

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with a supporting rod which is attached securely to the handpiece of the tool by means of a sleeve and thumbscrew. The inner end of the rod is fitted with a hinge and thumbscrew so that the rod can be locked in place at any angle desired to do the job. With the rod locked in place, the operator can apply a large amount of force in any direction by merely shifting his body, throwing the strain on his back muscles and legs. A small transparent shield on the rod protects the operator's eyes from flying metal particles.

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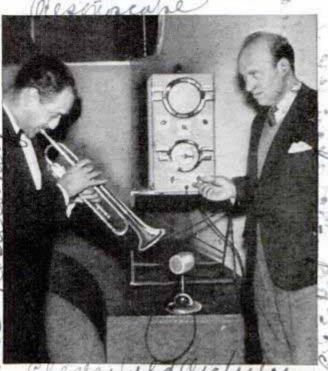
Motor "Horse" Gives a Workout Like Rowing, Bike or Saddle

Bicycle, horse and rowboat are combined in a muscle-limbering exerciser run by an electric motor. Turning on the motorized "horse" you get the action of a canter in the bounding saddle. The handlebars serve as handgrips or footrests and go through rhythmic motions. The motor-driven pedals put you through the paces of bike riding, and you can relax and be exercised passively or resist the pedals for a more strenuous workout.



Handlebars, seat and pedals of this exerciser all perform various rhythmic motions to limber body

Cathode-Ray Tuner Finds Pitch for Orchestra Instruments



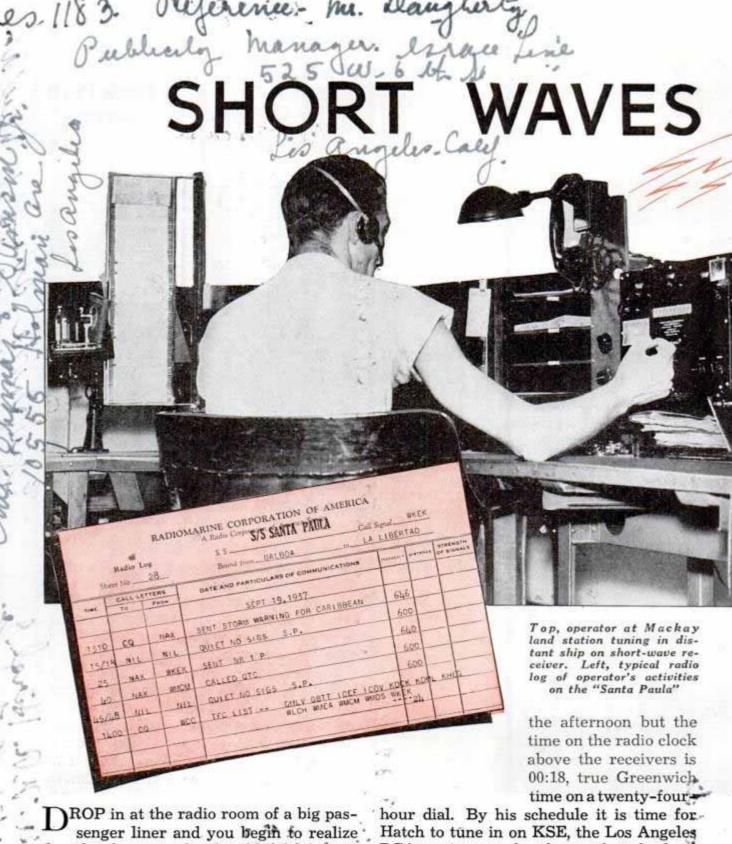
Finding proper pitch for instrument with the aid of cathode-ray tuning device

Designed to aid in establishing pitch for orchestras, a cathode-ray tuning device is on the market. It shows visibly when instruments are in tune. The device constains a series of twelve tuning forks tempered in the chromatic scale with "A" at 440. When tuning the orchestra for a radio program, the tuner is placed in the control room with the screen of the tube facing the players. The microphone for the broadcast pickup is used, thus enabling the conductor to obtain accurate tuning with minimum effort. Called the resonoscope, the device is made so that the tone produced by the tuning fork may be played back for audible comparison. ls/393

Eighty-Seventh Element Found

Element Number Eighty-seven, which once before was reported discovered but afterwards disproved, has at last been found in the mineral pollucite and is named Madavium by its discoverer, Horia Hulubei. He used the curved crystal focusing spectograph in his discovery—an instrument so sensitive it can detect one part of a given element in ten millions parts of a chemical or mineral. Madavium was found in France.

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DROP in at the radio room of a big passenger liner and you begin to realize that the ship, out of sight of land for days, keeps in touch with the world as handily as you do with your telephone at home. If you have a message to send you have only to wait until the operator, pounding his key or his typewriter, finishes a transaction with some station thousands of miles away.

Let's sit in with Eugene Hatch, chief operator of the Grace liner "Santa Paula," as he starts his four-hour watch. The ship isdown in the Pacific, en route from Balboa to La Libertad on a voyage from New York, to San Francisco. It is a little after four in

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hour dial. By his schedule it is time for Hatch to tune in on KSE, the Los Angeles RCA station, on the chance that the land station has some traffic for him. He barely sets the dials of the compact set when KSE comes in:

"CQ DE KSE QTC GLNZ JPZB KDCS WKEK KDHF."

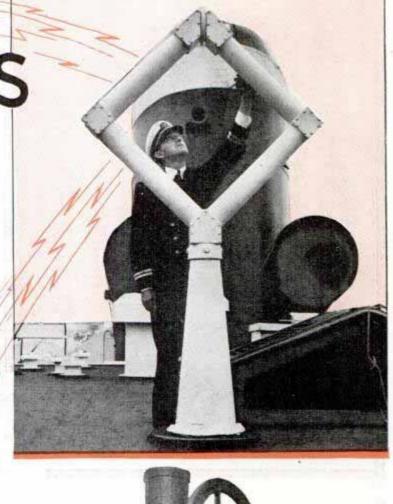
The code symbol QTC tells Hatch that the station has messages for six ships, including WKEK, the call letters of the "Santa Paula." He pushes a button under the operating table that starts up the converter in the transmitting panel and reaches for his key, telling KSE to go

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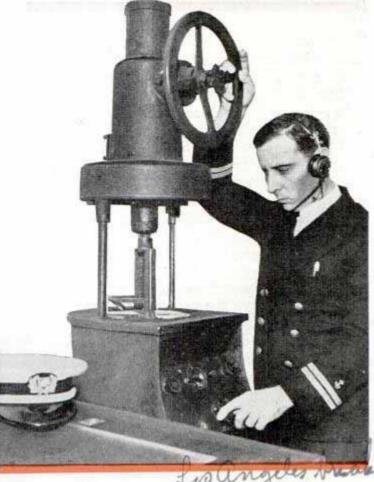
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ahead on the "Santa Paula" traffic. In the next thirty minutes he copies half a dozen messages that have gathered in Los Angeles for the ship, and taps back two others from passengers. He may have another dozen messages on file but instead of sending them all to one station he will wait until he can route them through stations close to their destinations.

At quarter of five Hatch breaks off and for three minutes the radio room is silent while he listens in on 600 meters, the international calling band. Three minutes are set aside each half hour for distress calls and no messages except the traditional "SOS" can be transmitted at those times. The letters "SOS," literally meaning







Top, radio loop. Bottom, left, lighthouse sends automatic radio signals. Right, deck officer tuning direction finder to take bearing on land station



"come and get us," are used because of the ease with which the three dots, three dashes, and three dots again, run in together, can be recognized.

In between times since he came on watch Hatch has been listening in on 600 meters and a while ago he acknowledged a call from a near-by freighter, equipped with a low-powered transmitter, that wanted him to relay a message. At the end of the silent period Hatch gives the freighter a call, shifts up to 700 meters to get off the 600-meter calling band, and copies the message that the freighter gives him. Then he tunes his own transmitter down to thirty-six meters and relays the message to WSC at Tuckerton, N. J.

Shipboard radio equipment looks far simpler today than it did a few years ago and it can do a lot of things that it couldn't do a few years ago. Ninety per cent of the traffic is handled by short wave. In the last few years short-wave transmission has revolutionized communication at sea, providing greater range with more reliability on much less power than was needed in the past. The day of the spark set is

passing and in 1940 they will be outlawed. Reception is practically "around the world" on the compact short-wave receivers, and Hatch can "talk" to any station that he can hear. In addition to the 500-watt intermediate and short-wave transmitter the ship carries a long-range fifty-watt emergency transmitter that works between 600 and 700 meters. It is powered by a generator working from twelve-volt storage batteries, while the main set is operated by the ship's power supply.

Like other ships these days, the "Santa Paula" has various high-frequency bands that Hatch can use. For long-range work he selects the wave length that seems



Top, throwing switches that turn off radio transmitter, and actuate loop direction finder. Bottom, main electrical switchboard of ship from which current is supplied for operating radio, lights, pumps, and other equipment

to work best at that time of day. Eighteen meters is usually good in the morning, twenty-four meters in the afternoon, while thirty-six, forty-eight, and fifty-four meters are good at night. In the afternoon he works Pacific Coast stations on twenty-four meters but he switches to the thirty-

six meter band to talk to stations in the east because it is already dark over the Atlantic and the thirty-six-meter reception is best.

After handling the freighter's message Hatch tunes to KPH in San Francisco to learn whether that station has traffic for him, and later on he will listen to Florida, Massachusetts, and the Canal Zone. One of these stations may tell him that a European station, such as DAN in Germany, has traffic for him, and Hatch will tune directly to the distant station's band and work it from the ship without relaying. At seven o'clock he swings over to thirty-six meters topick up the time ticks. from NAA in Washington and plugs the receiver through to the bridge so . that the officer on watch. can use the ticks to check the chronometers. Then come the NAA weather reports, more passenger traffic, and at eight o'clock Hatch is relieved by the operator who will stand-

of land station. Right, ship transmitter



Boat-Trailer for Sportsman Travels on Land or Water





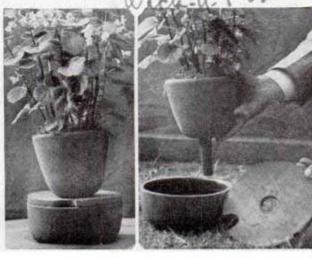
Top, boat secured to the trailer, ready for the road. Bottom, boat in water. Note false stern which makes removal from trailer easier

Equipped to go sailing, a novel trailer offers means of traveling on land or water. A sturdy, wide-beamed, flat-

bottomed skiff forms the body of the trailer. It is mounted on a framework carrying rollers and is locked to the trailer frame by pins and straps. Upon reaching the water, the trailer is backed to the edge, with the prow toward the water. A false stern, with rounded bottom to aid in negotiating the rollers, is attached and the skiff is rolled down into the water. The skiff has a heavy canvas top mounted on a steel rod frame. It is equipped with bunks for two, a light gasoline stove, book and clothing lockers, pneumatic cushions, gasoline and oil tanks and other facilities. The transom is built sufficiently heavy so an outboard motor may be locked on it and carried while the skiff is being transported. A hand-cranked propeller motor also is mounted on the transom. In addition the trailer may be propelled by oars or a small sail slung to a light mast which can be fitted to a notch in a bottom rib. Top and sides of the canvas hood may be rolled up to open the skiff or closed tightly enough to keep out driving rains.

Self-Watering Flower Pot Has a Wick

Designed to insure uniform watering of any splant, a new kind of flower pot is on the market. The pot has a lower reservoir, into which a wick projects. The reservoir is covered with a removable lid, a portion of which is cut away to facilitate watering. In the middle of the lid is a hole for the wick, which comes through the bottom of the pot. The wick, made of burned clay, is removable. Its porosity is controlled by changing the formula of the clay, so different



Two views of self-watering flower pot. Note wick in the photo at hight

kinds of wicks may be obtained for plants requiring different amounts of water. Chemical foods in liquid form may be supplied to the plant by adding the fluid to the water. Both food and water are drawn up to the plant's roots by capillary action.

Collapsible Pocket Periscope Sees over Heads in Crowd

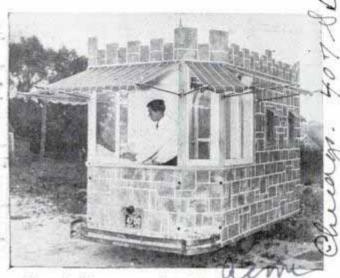


Unlike the homemade arrangement of mirror on stick which requires the spectator to face away from the scene of action, a collapsihle periscope recently invented allows the user to peer forward over the heads of the crowd at a parade ullialeme or sports event.

This pocket periscope consists of an extension bracket with a mirror mounted on each end. It collapses into a handy case.

D /220. Trailer Like Castle on Wheels Used as Popcorn Stand

Resembling a small castle on wheels, a trailer built to special dimensions is being used as a popcorn stand. The owner peddles the confection along the road and at county fairs and other gatherings. His odd mobile stand attracts customers.



Here is the popcorn "castle" ready to travel wherever there may be customers

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Clothes Basket on Wheels Saves Stooping and Lifting

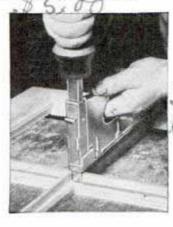


Collapsible cart holds clothes basket at waist level or folds close to floor for use as bassinet

Call it a clothes basket or bassinet or tea cart, a collapsible basket on wheels is a labor saver. It holds the clothes at waist level during laundering, and instead of carrying the basket of wet clothes it can be rolled on its two wheels. It folds down to a low level for ironing or use as a bassinet.

Tacking Gun for House Screens Speeds Carpenter's Work

Faster work on house screens is made possible by a tacking gun, a stapler which replaces tacks, brads and old-fashioned methods of fastening screen wire to frames. A trigger releases a twopointed staple and the two points



converge as they are driven into the wood. The tacker has two sharp prongs which stretch the wire as the carpenter works, resulting in a smooth, permanent job.

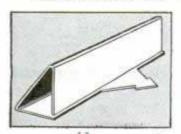
Loudspeaker on Fire Truck Directs Attack from Street



Portable microphone and loudspeaker enable commander to direct firemen from two blocks away

"Come to the edge of the roof, Lieutenant Brady. How many lines do you need? There are people waiting for ladders in a third-floor window." A loudspeaker is barking commands to firemen on a blazing building in Chicago. The fire marshal directing the fight watches the situation from a truck on which the loudspeaker is mounted, and talks into a portable microphone held in his hand. The loudspeaker can be heard easily two blocks away.

Metallic Glazer Replaces Putty as Permanent Window Seal



Metal strips are being used instead of putty for installing window glass. The metallic glazer is permanent, water-

MECHANICS Culington Ro proof, rust-resistant and can be used again if the window is broken. It consists of triangular strips of copper-bearing iron with a projecting point on the base which is driven into the wood as an anchor. A coat of thick paint applied first along the glass and wood surfaces acts as a seal.

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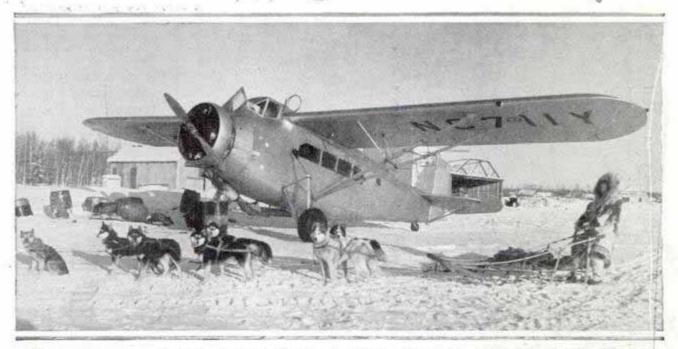
Medieval Tower Built as Hobby Filled with Relics of Knights

Overlooking the Fox river valley at Elgin, Ill., is a fifty-foot medieval tower with drawbridge and moat, patterned after an ancient stone tower in Europe and furnished with household effects typical of the middle ages. The owner, an electrical engineer, interested from his youth in stories of knighthood; built the castellated tower as a hobby and uses it as a retreat for study and rest. Each of the four stories has one room, connected by a circular stairway around the inner wall. One room is a library containing books on medieval? history and the evolution of armor. The owner has designed four suits of armor of the chain, scale and plate types. The furth nishings include armor, crossbows, battleaxes, pitch-torches and tallow lamps.



over "moat" is lifted, barring entrance to medieval tower at Elgin, Ill.

Alaska 'Weather Hop' Previews U. S. Winter

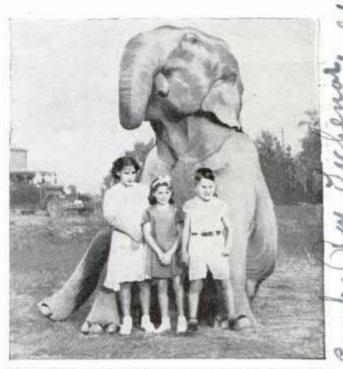


Here are two means of winter travel in Alaska-dog team and airplane. The plane is ready for daily "weather hop" to sample conditions three miles up. Note frame for instruments attached to strut at right

Three miles high over Alaska the weather plane soars every day, in arctic blizzard or midwinter darkness, to sample the weather that's on its way to Kansas and Toronto and Chicago from the place where winter begins. From the data gathered on this "weather hop" the government meteorologists hope soon to make accurate long-range forecasts of United States weather. A blizzard headed for Indiana may be foretold days in advance. The plane takes off once each day for the 16,500-foot level on the short midwinter days at Fairbanks, and in early winter and spring it makes two flights, even in severe conditions that ground other aircraft. The motor oil is warmed over a portable gas stove, and a gas torch heats the canvasblanketed motor for an hour before takeoff. To the struts of the ship a cylindrical aerometeorograph is attached, to record temperature and humidity at prescribed altitudes. The readings are supplemented by data automatically transmitted by a two-tube short-wave radio sent up on a free balloon that may rise fifteen miles before it bursts and lets the instruments drop with a tiny parachute. The weather bureau offers a reward for any of these instruments recovered, but expects few to be found in the desolate Alaskan interior. This winter 190 balloons are to be released.

Cameraman Poses an Elephant as "Prop" in Pictures

Unique stage "prop" of a Cincinnati photographer is an elephant which serves as background for pictures of children. Youngsters do not seem to have any fear of the big fellow, and he brings in plenty of business from boys and girls who like to pose with him.



Youngsters get an added thrill posing for their pictures with an elephant as their background

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usually just a dull record. Now there is a new standard; pictures must show life in motion; expressions must tell a story; photographs are made on the fly, often with the subject unaware a camera is in action.

To quote Rudolf H. Hoffman, expert candid cameraman of New York: "Candid pictures represent a record of what the eye of an unobserved observer has observed. It is assumed that the camera is used so inconspicuously that it is in position to record something that is intended actually to be off the record. Such is the true and simple meaning of candid photographs."

Candid pictures are easy. Modern shutters and highly sensitive plates and film do away with the necessity

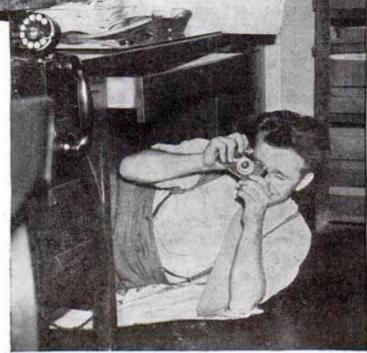
TS YOUR scrapbook full of frozen faces?

Take the cure—candid photography!

There is really no such thing as a candid camera. It's all in the way you use it. You may have the tiniest, trickiest three-hundred dollar camera; you level it at someone, tell him to hold still, snap the shutter. And with all your fancy equipment you get the same old stiff, stereotyped pose with an unnatural smile on your victim.

Or you may tuck a plain dollar-ninetyeight camera under your arm, stalk your subject and shoot when he is not looking but being his normal self. Then you've got something, mister—a candid picture!

In the old days, newspapers and magazines were full of frozen faces. The news photographers would ask their subjects to pose for their pictures, and the result was



At top, child and puppy are caught in an unposed shot. Below, the candid cameraman slides under an office desk to "stalk" his game for off-guard picture

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DON'T EXPECT IT



Above, photographer fools his subject by tipping his ordinary bellows camera sideways and sighting at right angle through the mirror view finder. Below is a candid shot for the family album

of posing as in the past. Expensive and elaborate equipment is not at all necessary. Using any camera that has a shutter speed of ½5 part of a second, you can make candid pictures which compare with the best ever made by either amateurs or professionals.

Although the smaller is always preferred, the size of the camera is of secondary importance. Edward McGill, candid ace on the staff of a Chicago newspaper, has obtained some of his most excellent pictures with a four by five size, focal plane camera. Carrying an additional dozen plateholders which themselves make a bulky 20: 1142.

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enough package, he excels in candid work. His subjects seldom are aware that McGill is snapping pictures. With the camera under his arm, he can approach, maneuver for the best angle, open the camera and photograph the subject very smoothly without attracting attention.

One amateur has made unusual candid snaps with a box camera wrapped in a newspaper page to disguise it as an ordinary parcel. Cutting openings for the lens, rewind and rear window and a slit for the shutter lever, he carries it under his arm and makes interesting snapshots by pointing the lens toward his subjects, without even bothering to use the view finder. Another rabid camera fan, a New York merchant, carries his miniature in the palm of his hand and shoots candid scenes from the hip, on his way to and from work.

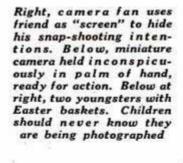
You will note that the camera does not actually have to be hidden or camouflaged with any great effort or expense. Candid picture taking is just as simple as any other form of photography with only one difference—your subjects should never be aware that they are being shot.

Some press photographers resort to ac-

tual concealment of the camera when making photographs during difficult assignments. One Chicago candid ace keeps a miniature with a powerful lens hidden under his coat to snap certain scenes. A series of several candid snaps taken inside of a gambling house brought about an expose by his newspaper which eventually resulted in the closing of the gambling place by the police. In making pictures under such trying conditions, even his life might be in danger, and amateurs are advised not to try to take pictures under similar circumstances.

The secret of successful candid photography will depend largely upon your method of operation. The ability to approach your subject without arousing his attention, the manner of keeping your camera out of his sight, and the skill with which you can quietly but quickly bring the camera into action when the moment arrives, are of greater importance than the possession of lavish equipment. And it is equally important to hold the camera absolutely steady when snapping the shutter. Camera movement has blurred many a good picture. This especially should be

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observed when working with a box camera or any other camera with slower speeds than 1/100 of a second.

The shutter always should be set to fastest speed available. Although 1/25 of a second is fast enough for stopping action of facial expressions and very slow hand or walking movements, it is inadvisable to use once the subject begins to move fast. If you use a box camera, pay strict attention to the slightest pauses or

moments when the motion is slowest. For instance, in observing walking movements, you will notice that the motion is slowest the instant before the weight of the body is the subject when he is moving either toward or at a forty-five-degree angle to the camera. Unless shutter speeds of 1/100 or more are available, do not attempt to stop action of a subject moving directly across the camera range.

The view finders on the box of most

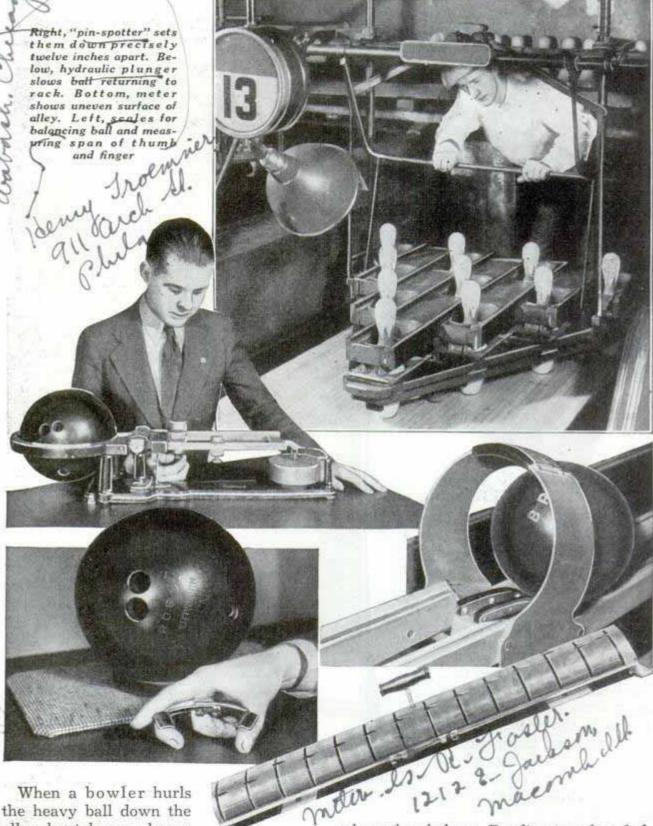
Dealrece and for Verne folding cameras are so mounted that it is possible to shoot pictures at a right angle to yourself. For instance, you are facing forward but your subject is on your left. shifted from one foot to the other. Shoot Do not turn to face the subject. Simply point the lens in his direction and by looking into the view finder you can still center your image with the same ease as if he was directly in front of you.

> Using a friend as a decoy is another effective method of keeping the camera in-

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Tenpin Game Is Reduced to "Exact Science"



alley he takes a chance on himself-his eye, his

arm, his balance; but there must be nothing left to chance in the setup of the game itself. The alley itself must be smooth and level within 40/1000 of an inch; balls must be balanced, tenpins must be set exactly

where they belong. Bowling is reduced almost to an "exact science" by the latest mechanical aids and measuring devices. A sliding curved rule calibrated in fractions of inches is used to measure the span of a bowler's thumb and fingers so that the ball can be drilled for the best possible grip. A

special scale tests the balance of the balls. which may not exceed sixteen pounds in weight and must conform to a very small differential in weight between any two sides. Pin-spotting machines center the pins precisely on spots twelve inches from center to center. An alley meter which straddles the alley checks its surface for indentations, hollows, grooves and ridges, showing up these irregularities in hundredths of an inch or less so that resurfacing can be accomplished accurately. A hydraulic plunger device has also been introduced which acts as a brake on the bowling ball as it returns to the rack, preventing any bruised or crushed fingers as players pick up a ball.

Big Figure of Grasshopper Tops Financial Building

High over the city is the big figure of a grasshopper, topping the Royal Exchange in London. The grasshopper was the crest of Sir Thomas Gresham, wealthy merchant



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Large figure of a grasshopper, atop Royal Exchange,
as it was being regilded

and financier of the sixteenth century, who built the first Royal Exchange. Recently workmen regilded the grasshopper's figure.

Twigs of "Wishbone Tree" Grew on Barnyard Fowl



Hundreds of turkeys, pheasants and other fowl contributed their wishbones to this "skeleton" tree

For thirty-five years a Latonia, Ky., man has been "growing" a "wishbone tree." Standing four feet tall, its branches sprout twigs that have been taken from hundreds of fowl. Among the wishbone twigs are mementos of chicken and turkey dinners, quail, squab, ducks, capons, pheasants, guineas and pigeons.

Rubber Clothespin Is Harmless to Most Delicate Fabric

Even the most delicate silks and other fabrics are unharmed by soft rubber clothespins. There is no chance of the pin splitting or splintering. Non-portous, it is sanitary

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and washable. Due to its special construction, the rubber pip has a firm grip



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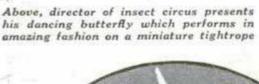
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Trained Insects Perform in Strange Circus





© Z. Kluger & Co. Above, feeding the actors in insect circus which has been giving performances in Europe. The insects seem to learn difficult tricks easily. Note the insect climbing the side of the hat for its supper



Above, this looks like the knockout in the high-spot of the circus, a ten-round match between the insect pugilists, Paolino and Pedro. Left, this is a bit of comedy between the acts, giving the insect clowns a chance to win the spectators' applause

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Grasshoppers Star in Show's Hurdling Act



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Class in 'Dry Skiing' Trains on a Field Covered with Hay



Snow fields are miles away from the Stanford University campus, but the winter sports class goes through all the motions of skiing on hay field

When there's no snow to practice on, "dry skiing" on a hay field is next best. In fact, the coach of the ski class at Stanford University in California says that beginners who start with dry skiing have an advantage over those who take their first lessons on the snow. Stanford students can enroll in a regular ten-weeks' course in ski training, taking exercises on loose hay to develop the muscles used in the winter sport and practicing the maneuvers and turning positions of skiing on snow.

Water Used as Lubricant on Heavy-Duty Bearings

Contamination of ore in metal mills where oil flotation is used is prevented by using new water-lubricated bearings. Formerly oil from the bearings on the ball mills became mixed with the ground ore. The new bearing is made of compressed canvas with phenolic filler similar to modern fiber gears. Only a 180-degree bottom segment is used as wearing surface. Fifty gallons of water per minute are supplied to the two bearings, being sprayed on the axle. The water may be cooled and recir-

culated with little loss. When the mill is to be started, a booster pump forces water into the bottom of the bearing at 880 pounds to the square inch. Acting as a hydraulic lift, this allows the mill to start easily at full speed. When the mill is running the high-pressure water is shut off, all lubrication being supplied by three water sprays in the upper segment of the bearing. In addition to keeping the 🦠 ore free from oil contamination, the new bearings save thirty per cent on power and have a greater life, due to being washed free of impurities and dust customary in mines and mills. Bearings of this type are being used in steel rolling mills.

Tripod with "Roll-Away" Legs Fits in a Vest Pocket

Small enough to carry in your vest pocket, a camera tripod just introduced has roll-away steel legs. The legs disap-



Legs of vest-pocket tripod stow away in a case as

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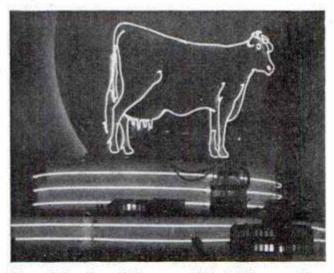
pear into a Bakelite case not much larger than a watch. It can be used with almost any camera, special threads being available for foreign makes and an extension for taking both vertical and horizontal pictures if the camera has but one speket.

City Dogs Enjoy Indoor Romp on Rolling Exerciser

> Apartmenthouse dogs that don't have all the healthy outdoor exercise they'd like should try out the latest for dog

gymnasiums. It is a ramp with a moving floor on which the city-dwelling pup can run, walk, sit down or lie down as he pleases, and the dog that wants to run can get plenty of it in a few minutes. The treadmill is mounted in rubber, with brass roller bearings.

Cow "Painted" in Neon Lights Marks Dairy Show at Fair



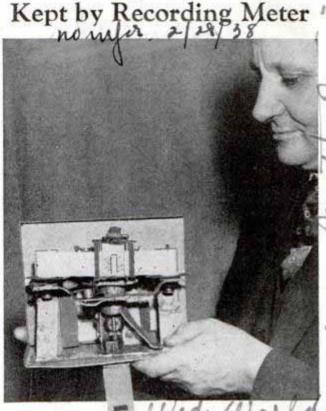
Beneath forelegs of "neon cow" is milking machine. Stream of light from udders indicated milk flow

Neon lights formed the outlines of a giant cow, stationed on a modernistic pedestal to mark the dairy exhibit at a recent fair. Below it was a huge milking machine, and the play of lights showed the flow of "milk" from the udders.

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Telltale Log of Auto Speed Kept by Recording Meter



Recording speedometer punches paper tape every quarter mile to show speed of auto throughout trip

There can be no argument about car speed if the recording speedometer for automobiles comes into general use. From start to finish of a trip it keeps a written log of the speed, punching a paper roll each quarter mile with a barometer-like marking to show the rate in miles per hour.

Snowplow Climbs the Curb to Clear Off Sidewalk

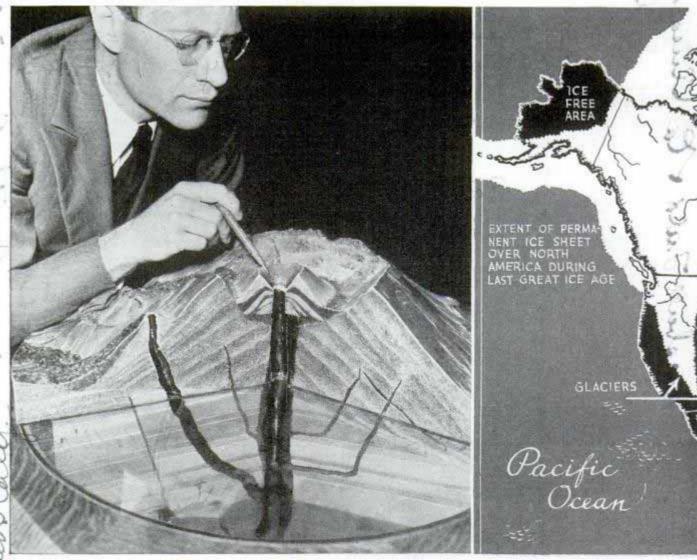
Mounted on the front of a small tractor, a snowplow of special design can clear the snow close to the sidewalk and then climb the curb to clean off the sidewalk itself. It removes even the hard-packed snow.



Curved scoop mounted on tractor cleans street up to curb and then climbs sidewalk to finish job

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Left, model of typical volcano showing lava tubes and way cones are built. Right, map shows extent of permanent ice sheet over North America during the last ice age

IF THE average temperature of the United States should drop only eight or nine degrees Chicago would become buried under half a mile of ice and New York would be covered by an ice sheet thousands of feet thick.

A mere drop of a few degrees from normal summer temperatures and a corresponding drop through the rest of the seasons would be enough to put the earth on the verge of another great ice age and to move the Arctic Circle literally into the vicinity of Tennessee.

Such is the conclusion of scientists who are studying the last great ice age that covered large parts of the United States with an icy blanket. At that time all of

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Canada and New England was covered by a permanent ice sheet that extended down into the middle west past Iowa and Nebraska as far south as Missouri and Kentucky. Hundreds of glaciers grew in the Rockies and in the Sierra Nevada. Scores of them still exist above the 12,000-foot level, including a large one less than 250 miles north of Los Angeles.

"Every one knows that weather and temperature changes go hand in hand, yet the consistency of the basic temperatures that control climate is one of the miracles of the universe," states Dr. Chester Stock of the California Institute of Technology. "Year after year, the annual average temperature of any region is practically the

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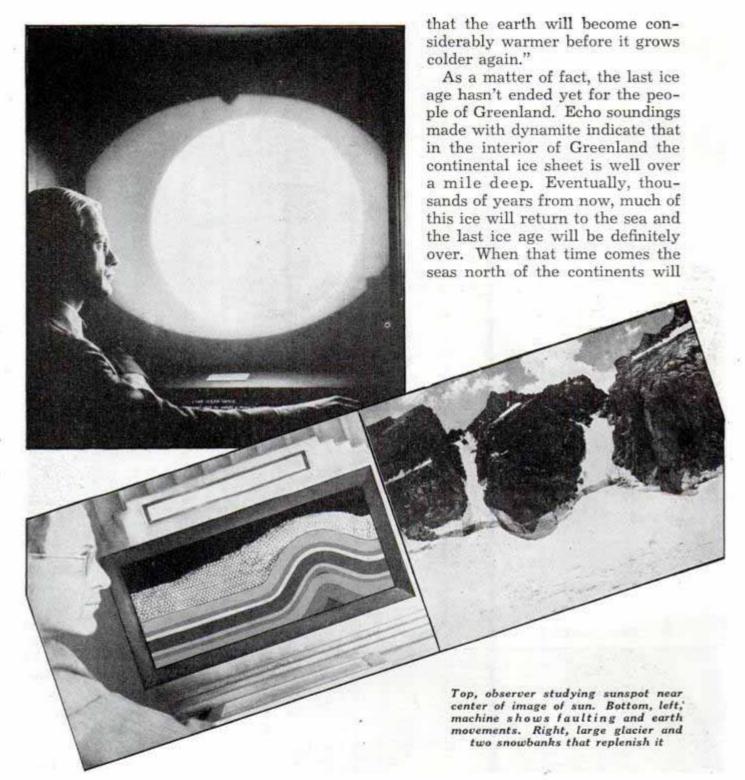
Top, right, Dr. Stock studying fossil of saber-tooth tiger's skull. Early American lion's skull on table is twenty-five per cent larger than present type. Bottom, model of woolly mammoth that roamed this country 25,000 years ago

same. Life can exist on the earth only inside the narrow range of temperatures that we experience, and these temperatures are regulated by a sort of cosmic thermostat that is infinitely more sensitive than any heat-regulating device that man could make.

"Temperatures in the universe range from 454 degrees below zero in interstellar space to almost two million degrees above in some of the stars. On a scale fourteen inches long, with the lowest temperature at one end and the highest at the other, the normal range of temperatures on the earth would be represented by a line almost too narrow to be visible.

"Almost anything could happen to upset the inconceivably delicate balance of forces that keeps this temperature constant, but the more they study the history of

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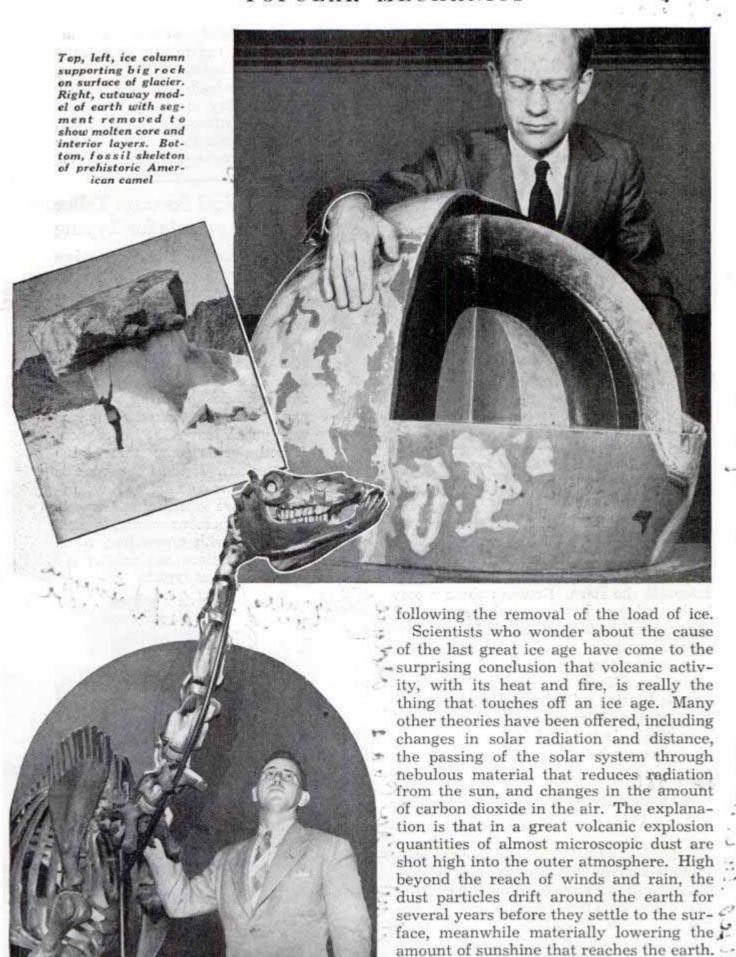


temperatures the more certain are scientists that nothing is likely to happen for an extremely long time to come. Geological records indicate that long stretches of time have always elapsed between ice ages. In this sort of research a study of the past offers the best available key to the future. Interglacial stages in the past seem to have lasted at least as long as the glacial stages. The last great ice age, 25,000 years long, came to an end about 15,000 years ago. That suggests that it will be quite a while before another ice age starts, and

be comparatively free from ice, providing shorter maritime routes than those available today between centers of population. Polar lands may become useful regions and tropical vegetation may flourish as far north as the Canadian border.

In the last great ice age nearly four million square miles of North America were covered by ice sheets and the tremendous weight of this blanket deformed the earth so much that it is still springing back toward its original levels. Many current earth movements are merely adjustments

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Nearly every great volcanic explosion in: (history has had its effect on the world climate for a year or so. The year 1816,

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Ship on Land Is a Nautical Cafe Tied to Roadside "Wharf"



Deceivingly like a ship outside and decorated in nautical style,

Motorists near Lynnfield, Mass., are sur-tru prised to find a 108-100t ship tied up at a "wharf" on dry land at the roadside. It is a nautical cafe, built like a ship throughout, with a lounge in the bow and dining saloon in the stern. Between these rooms is the galley and the cashier's cage, called the "purser's" office. The boat is set below ground level and roped to poles along the pier, giving the impression of resting on the water. Diners enter it by a gangplank and find inside a linoleum floor bearing a map of the Atlantic ocean. There is a promenade deck with lifesavers and deck chairs, masts, bridge and funnel.

Copper-Lead Bearings Resist Wear on Hard Jobs

Reports of 20,000 hours and more of continuous service under extremely heavyduty conditions have been made for bearings made from new special alloys of copper and lead. The bearings have been found useful where the loads are unusually great, due to considerable open throttle work and hard pulling. On one job, a Diesel-powered tractor fitted with the bearings operated on a road-grading proj-

ect for 18,000 hours without requiring adjustment or replacement of a bearing. The virtue of the copper-lead bearing is said to be its ability to stand unusual stresses without apparent wear. Marked economy results from the freedom from engine breakdowns, es1292

Mechanical Fortune Teller Shows Aptitude for Typing

To determine a prospective stenographer's aptitude for typing, a Nebraska professor has invented a mechanical "fortune teller." While a metronome keeps time, the person undergoing the test strikes a staccato note on four keys like those of a typewriter, and a clocklike spring rolls the paper under an inked ribbon as each punch leaves the impression. A bell signals completion of 100 impressions. If the impression is true it shows a complete ring; un-

true impressions are semicircles. Experience indicates that persons scoring highest are most efficient with typewriter, while those whose impressions are untrue are



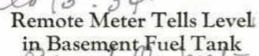
Testing stenographer's touch with 100 taps on keys of the mechanical "fortune teller"

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Beacon Has Half-Billion Candlepower Beam

One of the most powerful in the world, a giant beacon exhibited at the Paris Exposition flashes a beam of one-half billion candlepower. It will be installed on the French coast at Groach d'Ouessant to make sea lanes safer for shipping. During the exposition its glare added to the brilliancy of the illumination.

> Top, attending to mechanism of giant beacon. Bottom, where the halfbillion candlepower light is housed



There is no need to run down to the basement regularly to check the oil level in your fuel tank. An electric gauge can be installed to give a remote reading of the fuel level anywhere in the house. Itpermits an immediate check on

Higher-Test Fuel for Planes used, and obviates the old method of using a measuring stick. The meter calls for no maintenance or operating cost, and can be used in a tank any/disfance away.

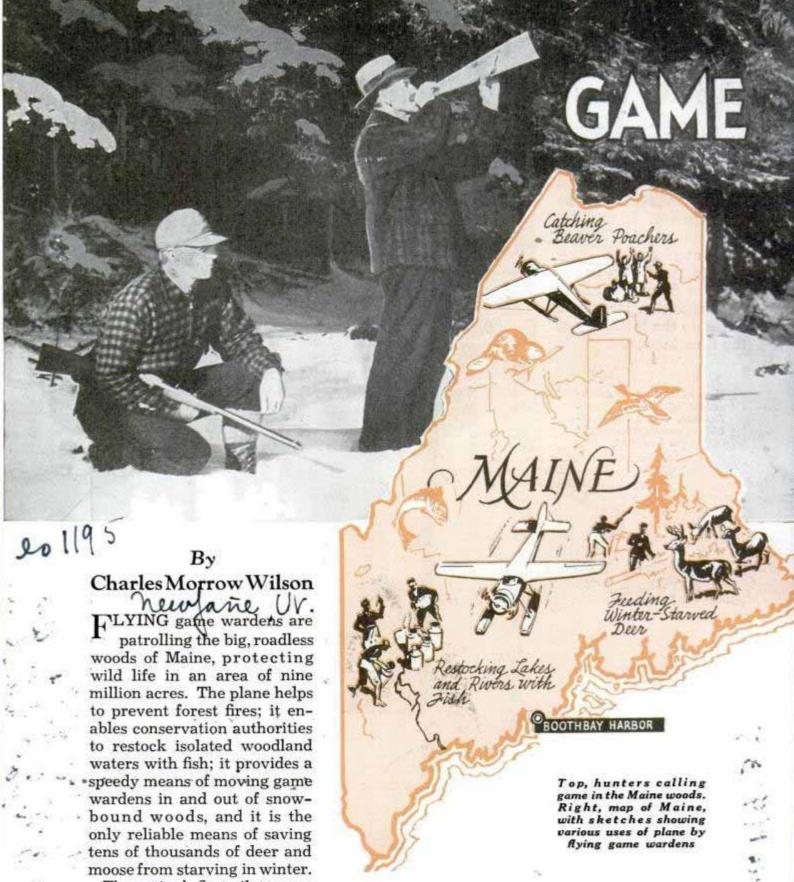
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Gasolines with anti-knock ratings in excess of 100, in the near future will reduce takeoff distance, increase power and permit use of smaller engines in airplanes,

according to S. D. Heron of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. Aviation fuels now have an anti-knock rating of eighty-seven.

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The nation's first pilot-game warden is Ned Hutchinson of Boothbay Harbor, Me., who flies the semi-gull type plane used by the inland fish and game department. An expert on ski and pontoon landings, Hutchinson has put in more than 600 flight hours protecting the state's wild life. Though he makes ninety-five per cent of his landings and take-offs upon ice and snow or small ponds and rivers, many of which are not even mapped, he has not yet

had a crackup. During spring, summer and early autumn he regularly uses pontoon gear to land and take off on small inland lakes or streams. In winter he uses ski gear to land on frozen ponds or open snow wastes. On duty he usually is accompanied by three fellow wardens.

Besides observation and photography, game feeding, fish stocking, and transporting fellow wardens and police, Hutchin-

WARDENS with WINGS



son's work includes air enforcement of game laws, detection of backwoods crime and fire, as well as criminal violation of game laws. During recent months he has made more than a dozen arrests for airplane poaching. The poachers fly over the big woods, make landings, fish out the backcountry waters without regard to legal catch limits, then fly away with the bounty.

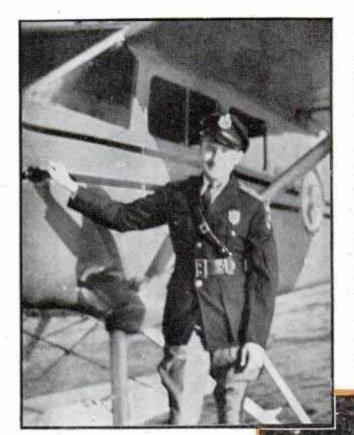
Venison-running is a more serious form of air poaching. During fall and winter months when deer meat is in demand, the runner planes fly into the big woods, land parties of hunters who slaughter deer regardless of season,

Top, Pilot-Warden Hutchinson ready to take off from backwoods pond.

Bottom, reaping the rewards of systematic conservation—bringing home
the result of a successful hunting trip

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Top, new-style game warden depends upon a plane, instead of snowshoes and canoe, in his coverage of large areas. Right, wardens chopping feed for deer after landing from plane

age, or sex, load the most choice saddles of venison into the plane, fly it out and sell it for fancy prices to city hotels and markets. A plane cargo of 1,000 pounds of choice venison is usually worth about \$500. Recently an air crew of venison "pirates" was captured after they had run tons of venison into the Boston market.

George J. Stobie, conservation authority and Maine's commissioner of inland fish and game, began experimenting with air patrol of the big woods about three years ago. Lieut. Earl Crabb, ace of the Royal Flying Corps and pilot of the Curtis firepatrol plane maintained by the state forestry department, began successful feeding of winter-starved moose and deer about four years ago. In 1937 Commissioner Stobie instituted the warden plane and the pilot-warden. He plans to extend the use of aviation facilities in maintaining game and fish resources which are said to bring the state at least \$35,000,000 annually.

About seventy-eight per cent of the entire area of Maine is forest land. About forty per cent of Maine is inaccessible to autos. These roadless forests are grouped in three areas. The biggest is in Piscataquis and Aroostook counties, a lake-dotted wilderness of about 5,000 square miles, where there are eighty or ninety-mile stretches of forest without a road. It is almost impossible to police such an area by land. Heretofore game wardens have traveled the wilderness by canoe in summer and on snowshoes or skis during winter. Such travel is extremely slow. During the summer months the big woods are ideal haunts and feeding grounds for game of all kinds. But during the long severe winters, when seven feet of snow is not exceptional, thousands of deer are frequently left to starve. At the beginning of winter

the animals band into herds and "pen up" in sheltered spots in the woods. For a long period the penned deer are usually able to tramp down the snow and to stay alive by eating evergreen foliage and tree bark. If the big snows persist such browse and bark eventually become eaten off as high as the deer can reach. If snows continue the deer starve. During deep-snow periods, game wardens find it impossible to patrol all important game areas afoot.

But the pens of deer are easily located from the air, particularly for a pilot who knows wintering habits of wild life. Maine's flying pilot takes several fellow wardens

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as assistants, cruises low to locate the deer pens, and stages a ski landing within walking distance of the location. Next the wardens put on snowshoes, take axes and chop quantities of evergreen trees near the captive deer, and open trails to the forage. Only a few hours of chopping can save a pen of from fifty to 100 deer from starvation. In extreme cases, feed can be dropped upon the locations from the plane.

Commissioner Stobie estimates that one plane actually doubles the winter work capacity of his force of 108 game wardens, since it more than doubles mobility of the force.

One of the most spectacular accomplishments of the warden plane was the capture of one of the most vicious teams of

poachers in the state's history. For several years Maine has been making a successful effort to restore beaver in her back provinces. Late last winter when all roads were blockaded with snow a warden outpost reported that two trappers were slaughtering beavers by the hundreds. The poachers would cut a hole in the top of the beaver "house" or den, open a can of chloroform and dump it into the hole, then seal.

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Top, since the big woods lack roads, hunters usually use canoe or snowshoes in bagging and carrying out the game. Center, insigne of game warden's plane. Bottom, plane capable of low-speed landings is most usual in game pard work

Safety School on Wheels Warns of Street Peril



Left, a safety-squad officer, "mike" in hand, warns a young lady that it's dangerous to enter left door of her car while traffic is passing. Below, loudspeakers mounted on the safety car tell two "jaywalkers" they are breaking the law and risking their lives

Lessons in safe driving as well as safe walking are broadcast on Los Angeles streets from a traffic school on wheels. Two policemen of the safety squad tour the city in a white sedan with loudspeakers mounted above it. They watch not only for traffic violations but for carelessness on the part of motorists and pedestrians, and broadcast warnings on the spot.

Photocell Turns on the Lights Whenever Daylight Wanes

Adequate illumination in the room regardless of the time of day is assured by

installing an automatic lighting control. A photoelectric relay turns on the lamps whenever natural light is not up to the level required for easy reading, and

correct illumination value is maintained steadily and manual attention to switches is unnecessary

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New Steels Made Possible by Study of Molecules

American industry is entering a new era in the manufacture and use of tailor-made shuts off the lamps asteels adapted to a wide variety of purwhen natural light is sufficient. Thus the poses and made possible by scientists studying iron molecules. Dr. John Johnston, director of research for the U.S. Steel corporation, says that control of the heating and gooling of iron and steel durjng manufacture so as to change the point at which iron changes from its "alpha" form to its "gamma" phase is making pos-

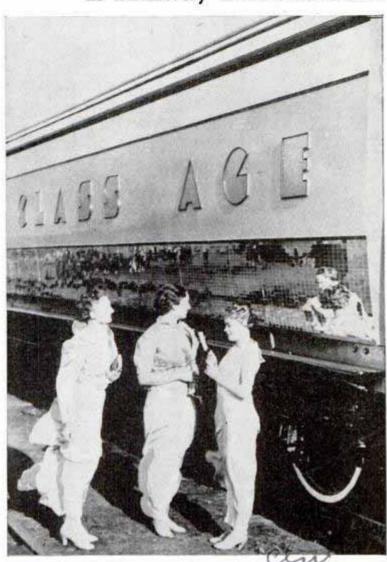
sible new types of material that can be fitted to new needs. Iron is known to exist in two forms, the alpha and gamma types. These two types, which differ in physical properties sufficiently to enable engineers to adapt them to practical use, owe their existence to different arrangements of iron atoms in the iron molecules. The change from one type to the other can be controlled by the processing which the iron receives. The emphasis on the iron and steel business today, Dr. Johnston explains, is on producing corrosionproof metals. Stainless steel, most prominent member of the corrosion-resistant family, is valuable, among other things, because it does not rust and thin sheets can be used without fear that they will be damaged by long exposure.

Car Body Trailer Carries Fourteen at a Time

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Fourteen automobile bodies may be transported from body factory to the assembly plant in an automatic trailer. Loading and unloading may be accomplished by driving the trailer onto rails which are electrically operated. When a button is pressed the tracks incline, permitting the bodies to slide on or off the trailer by gravity. Pressing another button closes the trailer gates.

"Crystal Palace on Wheels" Is Railway Train of Glass



Britain's "crystal palace" railway coach is covered with mirrors. The train is a traveling exhibition of new uses of glass

To dramatize the "age of glass," a British railway train has been built of glass wherever glass could be used, and is on an exhibition tour of England.

> The sides of one coach are covered with mirrors, the interiors are furnished with glass and inside are exhibits of the new uses and new types of glass. The train is a real "crystal palace on wheels."

[Brazil, second in area only to Canada among the nations of the western hemisphere, is large enough to accommodate the United States and



Faster transportation of bodies to auto assembly plant is made possible by this giant trailer which carries fourteen at a time

an extra Texas.

The FLYING WING



Building the first all-metal transport designed by the author. This is the Lockheed Electra, famed for its speed. Here we see workmen busy on wing and nose

By Hall L. Hibbard

Chief Engineer, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

"OMORROW'S airplane—a giant flying wing without fuselage or cabin, carrying payloads of 150 passengers and tons of baggage.

Judging from present developments and trends in aircraft design, it is our belief that such is a rough sketch of the commercial transport that will be flying the sky trails within a decade or so. Of stainlesssteel construction, it will be almost twice the size of any plane now under construction with a gross weight of 150,000 pounds and having a tip-to-tip wing spread of 300 feet. For power, it will use six 2,500horsepower motors, so arranged that the mechanics may work on them during flight.

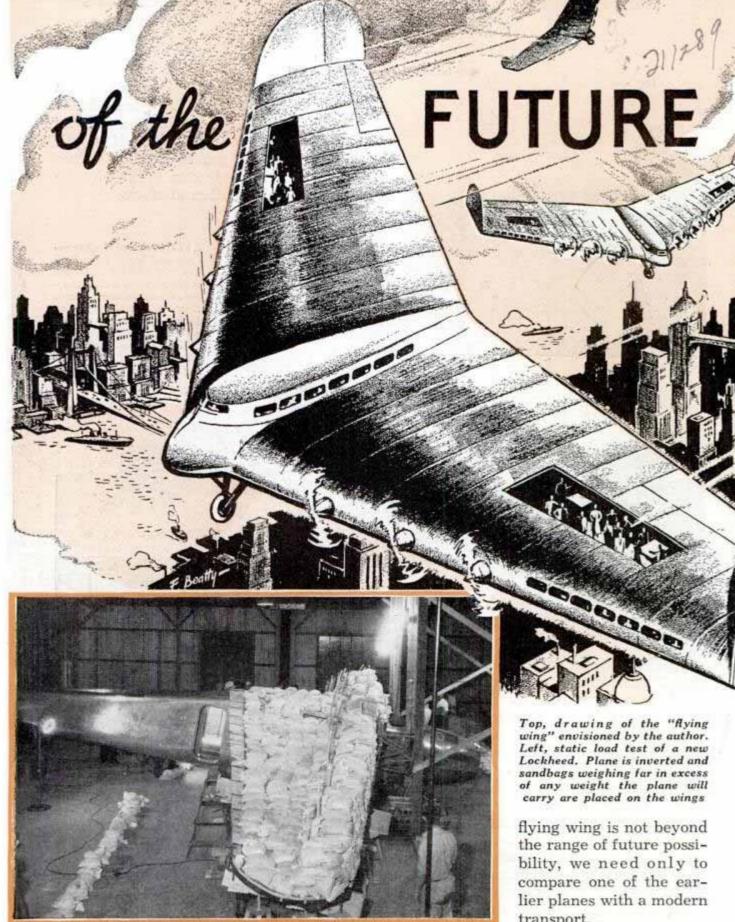
Travelers will ride inside the giant wing, which will be equipped with individual staterooms, recreational facilities and a promenade deck. Curved windows will be placed in the leading edge of the wing, in the ceiling and parts of the floor. To complete the picture, the tricycle landing gear will be used to land the big transports.

The speed with which these flying wings will travel is difficult to predict. Because we have learned that size has little bearing on speed, 500 miles an hour is not improbable, if certain problems regarding altitude flying can be answered satisfactorily. Speed costs money. The faster a plane travels the more fuel used and the greater the depreciation on equipment, all of which means higher operating costs.

The prediction of such radical changes will not meet with the favor of those who

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feel the ultimate in aeronautical development has been reached. But aircraft designers are not hidebound by precedent or production methods. They have a way of looking beyond the artificial limitations of their tools and in so doing make possible the "impossible." For evidence that the

transport.

In efforts to improve

aircraft, engineers and technicians have sought to eliminate useless, dragging elements. Struts, braces, and guy wires have disappeared. On the big ships, the next important step is removal of the fuselage. And with it will go the tail, lateral and vertical control being attained through 234

weight in a plane the size of a flying wing. Another advantage would be that a new method of fabricating this metal makes possible a further reduction in drag by the elimination of rivets.

Left, shot-weld apparatus, and tape on which are recorded the heat units in each weld. Center, stainless steel plane. Bottom, gigantic hydraulic metal-forming press at the Lockheed factory. This 175-ton machine stamps out parts formerly made by hand

wing-tip fins and wing ailerons. If the size of this future plane seems a bit wild-eyed, consider present developments within the industry. It is no secret that transports are growing larger and larger. There is one plane under construction so big it cannot be assembled within the walls of one of our most modern factories. The building of great supercharged planes operating at 30,000 feet at cruising speeds of 250 miles per hour with flying ranges of between 3,000 and 4,000 miles is tea-time conversation among builders.

The next ten years should see stainless steel come into its own as an aircraft metal. Already aviation's spotlight is being focused upon its structural possibilities with the completion of the first all stainless-steel plane built for commercial purposes. Apart from its non-corrosive quality, stainless steel has much to recommend it. Although heavier than dural, its high tensile characteristics would be the means of saving considerable structural

Stainless steel is more costly than other metals of this character but this is not an important obstacle. When the alloy was first introduced into the commercial field, it was selling for seventy-five cents a pound. It was substituted for a metal costPOPULAR MECHANICS

ing but four cents'a pound. This cost was offset in other ways, however, particularly in the railroad streamliners, and increased production of the metal has made it considerably cheaper.

When stainless steel was first considered for airplane structures, engineers found it couldn't be handled in the manner of spruce, dural or high-tensile steel. This alloy attains its maximum resistance to corrosion by a special heat treatment. When cooled, it has ten times the electrical resistance of ordinary steel, is very ductile, and capable of being drastically cold worked. It was found, however, that any subsequent heating of the metal weakened its resistance to corrosion and impaired its general utility.

Because of this, ordinary welding methods were out of the question, so Col. E. J. W. Ragsdale, chief engineer at Budd Manufacturing company, developed what is known as "shot-welding." This consists of fusing together two separate sheets of metal by passing through them an electric current and generating heat through the resistance offered by the metal to the current. In principle, this is virtually the same as the light-bulb filament except here the current is not strong enough to fuse the filament. Because of the metal's high electrical resistance, the heating time is made. so short that the alloy's stainless properties are not affected.

Time is not an essential factor of heat. Lightning has some excellent short-time melting jobs to its credit and some "shot welds" have been consistently made in .0001 second. Thus, a weld consistent with the high-tensile characteristic of the metal was developed. Engineer Ragsdale did not stop there, however. He made his fabricating methods virtually foolproof by designing a mechanism which accurately gauges and records the strength of every weld made or failed. On a tape is written the heat units entering into each weld and also giving notice of any variation.

The aircraft industry in this country has been built around the use of aluminum and its alloys, while in Europe, carbon steel is favored. These are both subject to corrosion. While mindful of the advantages of stainless steel, there is need for a comprehensive study of this metal in terms of modern aircraft requirements.

Mail-Carrying Buoy Floats Ashore from Ship



Mail-carrying buoy which floated ashore from ship with letters to be forwarded

When a passing tanker wished to send mail ashore on the Atlantic coast recently, a neatly constructed buoy containing eighteen letters was tossed overboard. The buoy was picked up six miles off shore at Miami, Fla., and the letters forwarded.

Film Viewer Magnifies Image Bringing Out Sharp Detail

Miniature photo negatives can be inspected with a magnifying viewer which brings out the picture distinctly, considerably enlarged yet with clear detail. It takes the



place of an enlarger for inspection purposes. The viewer has a notching punch to mark any negative frame for enlarging.

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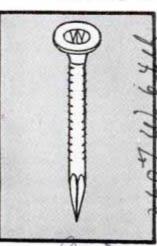
Dancing Dolls on a Wheel Exercise the Eyes



Steadying her head with chin rest, patient exercises eyes by watching antics of toys as wheel revolves

"Setting up exercises" for weak eyes are administered by a wheel resembling a carnival attraction with dancing dolls and toy animals. The eye muscles are strengthened as the patient watches the antics of the figures while the wheel spins. The child rest keeps the head still and makes the eyes do the work.

Nail for Concrete or Metal Made by Secret Process



Tempered by a secret process, a nail with a soft core and a hard shell is available for concrete and metal work. Driven one-half inch into hard concrete, the nail requires a pressure of several hundred pounds to free it. Driven into

cast iron or cast steel, the nail usually breaks before it can be extricated. It has many uses. Metal lathers employ it in various sizes for nailing corner beads and metal channels and carpenters use it to nail carpet strips, sleepers, furring strips to concrete floors, ceilings and brickwork. Roofers and tinners use the nail to fasten metal flashing and roofing materials to concrete and bricks. Plumbers, electricians, sign painters and outdoor advertisers also find it useful.

Dog Rides on Bicycle Carrier at Master's Top Speed

Apparently enjoying the ride as much as his master, a Minnesota dog sits on the carrier of the bicycle while his master does



Where his master pedals the dog goes too, secure on the bicycle carrier

the pedaling. The dog leaps on and off the carrier without help. No matter what the speed, the animal never falls off. To make the ride easier, the carrier has padding.

Sky Trips at Five-Mile Height in Faster Ships Due Soon

Within eighteen months you may be able to board a 250-mile-an-hour sky liner in this country and ride in its sealed and supercharged cabin comfortably at 25,000 feet above the earth. The pioneering has been done to the satisfaction of the engineers, and most of the air lines are satisfied that supercharged motors and super-

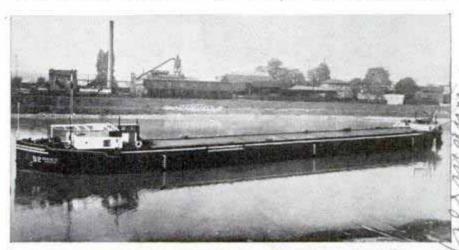
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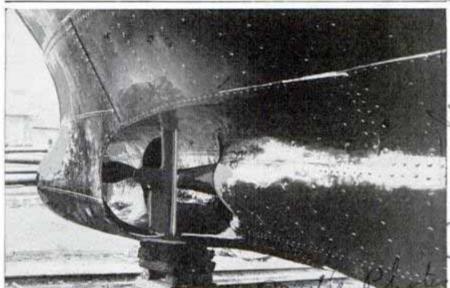
charged cabins can operate safely and efficiently at the high altitudes where weather is clear ninety-five per cent of the time. Stepping up the cruising speed from the current 190 miles an hour to 235 or 250 will enable the air lines to trim transcontinental time from seventeen to fourteen hours or less westbound and from fifteen and onehalf hours eastbound to twelve hours. ls1233

School Stop Sign Changeable to Suit Traffic

Designed for use at schools where motor and pedestrian traffic hazards vary with the hour, a new traffic sign does double duty. It can be changed at danger hours from a "caution" to a "stop" sign by unlocking the back of the sign, shifting the caution and stop flaps by adjusting a movable back bar and replacing the lock. The flaps are mounted on hinges near the side corners of the octagonalshaped sign.

Ship with Front-Drive Turbines Causes Fewer Waves in Canals



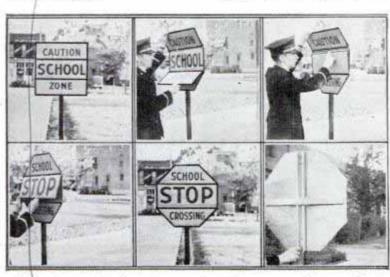


Top, latest watercraft designed for canals and small rivers. Bottom, front drive causes less disturbance of water than stern drive

Claimed to be the first steamship equipped with frontdrive turbines, a German craft recently completed creates

fewer waves than conventional ships. The turbines, installed at the bow instead of the stern, disturb the water very little, even at a speed of eight miles an hour. This feature is of particular value when the craft passes through canals or along small rivers on which light boats might be upset by the waves from the churning, stern-mounted propeller.

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Several steps in changing caution sign to stop sign at school crossing. Changeable panels make this possible

Prefer & Fibrus Industries die.

A MERICAN farmers are promised a new cash crop with an annual value of several hundred million dollars, all because a machine has been invented which solves a problem more than 6,000 years old. It is hemp, a crop that will not compete with other American products. Instead, it will displace imports of raw material and manufactured products produced by underpaid coolie and peasant labor and it will provide thousands of jobs for American workers throughout the land.

The machine which makes this possible is designed for removing the fiber-bearing cortex from the rest of the stalk, making hemp fiber available for use without a prohibitive amount of human labor.

Hemp is the standard fiber of the world. It has great tensile strength and durability. It is used to produce more than 5,000 textile products, ranging from rope to fine laces, and the woody "hurds" remaining

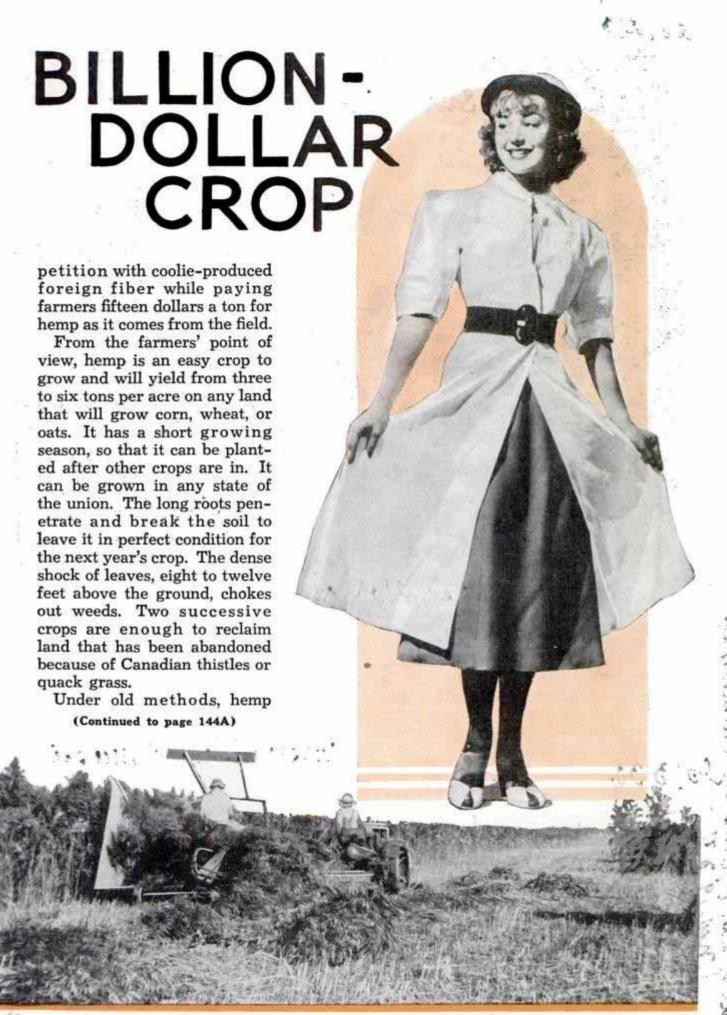
after the fiber has been removed contain more than seventy-seven per cent cellulose, and can be used to produce more than 25,000 products, ranging from dynamite to Cellophane.

Machines now in service in Texas, Illinois, Minnesota and other states are producing fiber at a manufacturing cost of half a cent a pound, and are finding a profitable market for the rest of the stalk. Machine operators are making a good profit in com-



Top, sailing the seas with sails and rope made of hemp. Bottom, hemp fiber being delivered from machine ready for baling. Pile of pulverized hurds beside machine is seventy-seven per cent cellulose

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Top, modern version of linen duster made from hemp. Bottom, harvesting hemp with a grain binder. Hemp grows luxuriously in Texas

Human Sailboats Try Racing in Outdoor Swimming Pool



All canvas set, the human sailboats get away for ming pool. Some of them are sneaking a few kicks to help the wind

Human yacht races are the latest sports swimmer, face up, wears a stout belt to which a mast is attached, and manipulates the sail. From the picture, you may guess that a bit of kicking may help win human sailboat races on a calm day!

Plastic Metal for Medical Casts Has Low Melting Point

With a melting point slightly above that of the human body, a newly developed metal lends itself to use in making medical casts, thus supplanting plaster of paris. It can be worked with the hands at a temperature no higher than that of hot water Sused for washing. Then it becomes solid _metal at ordinary temperatures. The metal is indium, a soft white element, combined with Lipowitz's alloy, consisting of bismuth, lead, tin and cadmium. The metal, consisting of eighteen per cent indi-Compressed Ull mag

um and eighty-two per cent Lipowitz's alloy, in the fluid state can be brought in contact with the human body and then permitted to harden. Indium, until recently a laboratory curiosity, is being recovered in fairly large quantities as the by-product of making zinc in Arizona. Silversmiths and jewelers have found uses for indium. since beautiful color effects are possible with it. When gold and indium are plated alternately on silver, the article becomes sky-blue when exposed to heat. Interdiffusions of layers of silver, indium and palladium at 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit yield

101190 Pupils Learn Music by Moving Notes on Table

a fine rose-pink alloy.

On a long table ruled for a musical score, chil-

dren in a Cincinnati school learn music by fad at Arrowhead Springs, Calif. The moving little portable notes into position as they hear a tune played on a piano. This method trains both the ear and eye, and the teachers say it is an effective way of interesting and teaching the child music.



Moving notes on table as they hear music played,



Sky destroyers that fly five miles a minute are ready for the next war in the air. A two-seat fighter with "bulletproof" wings and a 1,200-horsepower engine capable of 310 miles an hour has just been completed in an American factory. Six fifty-caliber machine guns are mounted in front of the ship, and a gunner in the rear cockpit maneuvers a flexible thirty-caliber machine gun. Six hundred pounds of

aerial demolition bombs carried in racks. under the wings make this speedy craft one of the deadliest weapons in the sky. It is almost impregnable, for besides its terrific speed it has a wing construction that all but defies destruction. The interior of the wings consists of multiple spars and beams, and the wings could be riddled with bullets without affecting flight. The destroyer has a 3,000-mile cruising range.

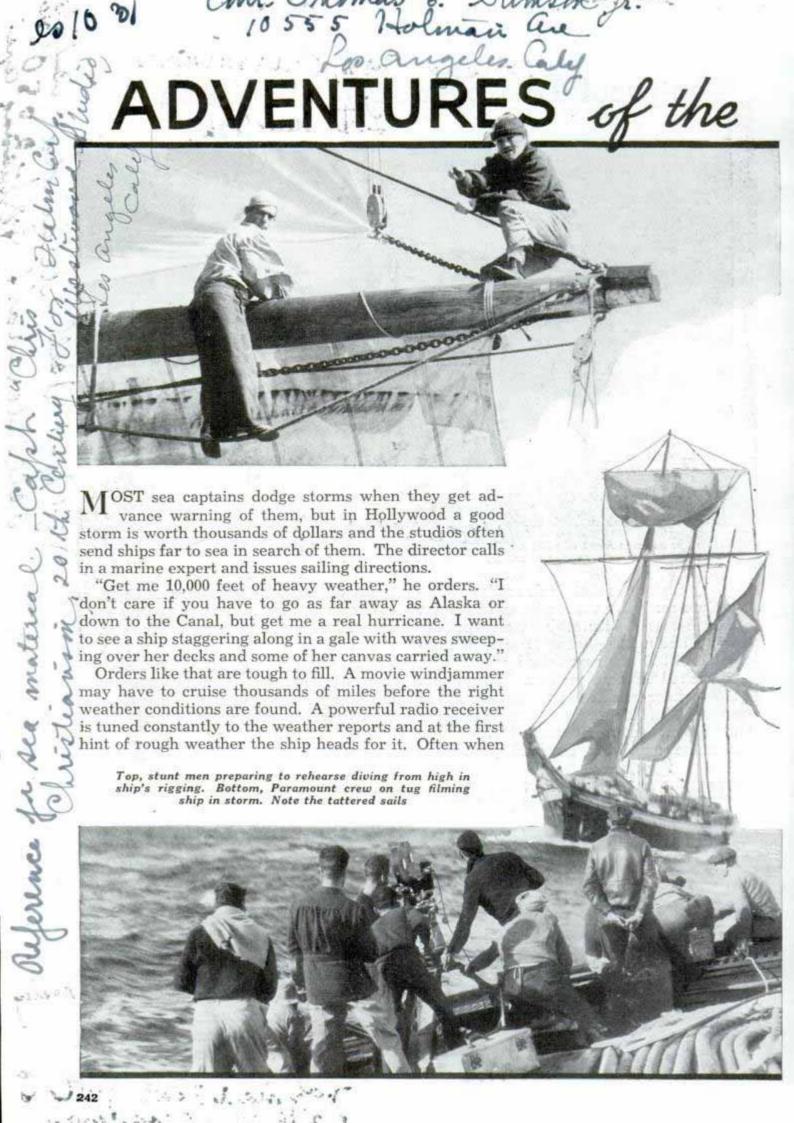
Used as Ballroom in Kansas Fruit Region

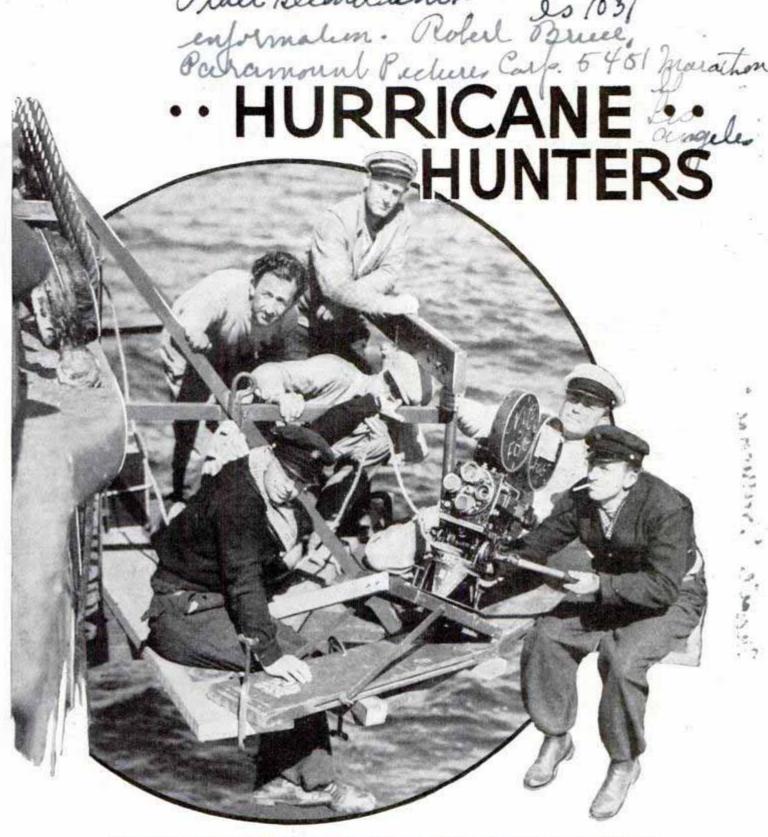


Long before the "Big Apple" became the popular dance from down south, "The Big Apple" was a ballroom and cafe in Kansas. It is a two-story building with the shape of an apple, its stem used as a chimney. The resort is in the apple orchard region near Wathena, Kans, Bird hosley

Nesting materials by the box, bits of yarn to scatter in the yard as an encouragement to wild birds, are offered by an eastern mill.

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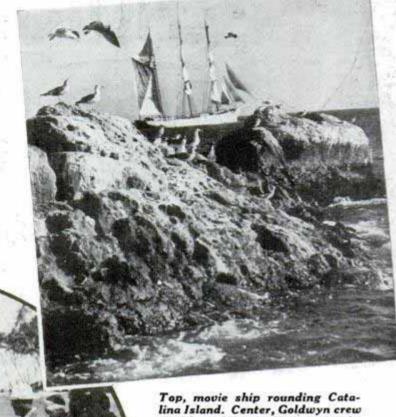
Twentieth Century-Fox camera crew suspended on scaffolding outside hull of sailing ship to get pictures of waves smashing against the bow

the ship reaches the storm area the weather is too rough and the movie men have to wait. The heaviest storms are too hard to catch on film because there is little or no light. An ideal condition is high waves and a high wind with practically no clouds.

Sailing a movie ship is a queer business and for lots of professional sailors one cruise is enough. It takes skill to handle a full-rigged ship with as many as eighteen sails, and in the movies a ship may have to be sailed in ways no experienced sailor would dream, just to get the right motion or lighting angles. Men have been lost overboard, lifeboats lost, vessels have been capsized and the masts sailed out of others while making pictures but the Hollywood sailors take it all in their stride.

The camera crews live the hardest lives of all. For an angle shot the cameramen may be sent to the masthead ninety feet in the air. With the ship heeled over until there is nothing but blue water below them and with the masts swinging back and forth in a twenty-five-foot arc, the cameramen practically hang on by their teeth while training their heavy equipment down toward deck.

If the director wants a close-up of the ship plunging into heavy seas, the camera crew is sent out on a platform built out off one bow and then the sails are trimmed so that the ship smashes heavily into the waves. The men rig up storm cloths to protect their camera and batteries and hang on. For distance shots the cameramen go out on an ocean tug or a smaller camera boat. The heavy camera is chained to the deck and some-



lina Island. Center, Goldwyn crew making fish-spearing scene in South Seas. Bottom, realistic picture of sinking ship made in Paramount tank

times life lines must be rigged so that the men can keep their feet.

"Hunting elusive hurricanes is not the only trouble we have," says Capt. "Chris" Christianson of Twentieth Century-Fox. "In making scenes for a period picture, using possibly an 1812 frigate, we have to find a lonely piece of ocean where fishing boats or big modern steamers won't spoil the effect by sailing across the background. If the scene is supposed to be far at sea we have to guard against catching a near-by shore. Porpoises and seals playing around the boats must be scared away, and sea gulls diving past the front of the camera have ruined many shots.

"In the old days when calm weather was holding



Center photo @ Samuel Goldwyn

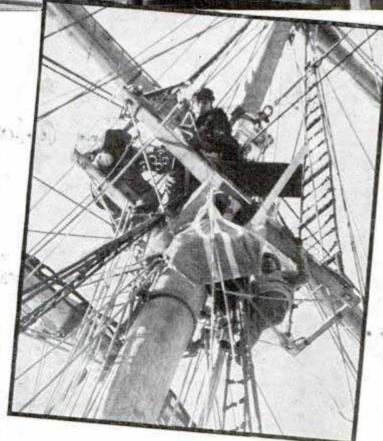


back his schedule a director often had his ship towed backward by a tug outside of camera range so that the sails would fill. A trick like that is too easy to detect nowadays. The technical language, the position that an actor takes at the wheel, and the way actors and stunt men climb the rigging all have to be authentic."

The ocean is the last place in the world for making good pictures of a realistic storm. Scenes like the sinking of a ship or the carrying away of rigging have to be made on solid ground right inside the studio walls. In a real hurricane, to take pictures of a slanting deck with waves sweeping over the actors, might mean that half the cast would be drowned and the camera with all its film lost overboard. When Paramount wanted to show a close-up of the sinking of a ship in "Souls at Sea" the studio built a fullsized replica of part of the ship in

a huge tank on its lot, and mounted the ship on gigantic hydraulic jacks so that it would rock with the waves or list realistically as it went down.

The storm scenes in Samuel Goldwyn's "Hurricane" were manufactured the same way. Six twelve-cylinder wind machines,



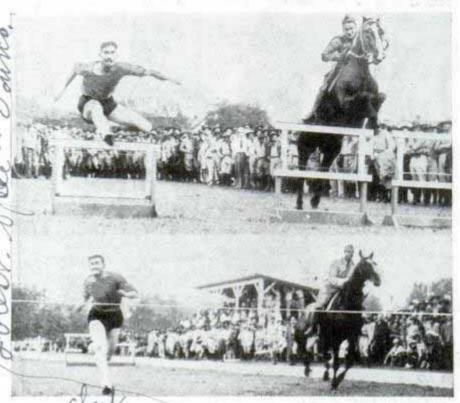
Top, full-sized ship built inside studio walls to get close-up pictures of action on deck. Bottom, Twentieth Century-Fox cameramen strapped in rigging to shoot scene on ship's deck

hundreds of tons of water cascading down sixty-five-foot inclines, dense clouds of swirling sulphur smoke, and flying debris that was thrown in front of the wind machines at just the right times, combined to make a hurricane far more impressive than

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Man Faster Than Prize Horse in 120-Yard Hurdles Contest



Top, start of the unusual race, with the man and the horse going over the first hurdle. Bottom, the finish—and the man wind

In an odd race between a man and a horse recently, the man won. He was Forest Towns, Olympic hurdle champion, and he outran a prize jumping cavalry horse in a 120-yard hurdles race. Towns covered the distance in thirteen seconds, getting a big lead before the horse could get under way. Once he started, however, the horse gained rapidly and Towns' margin of victory was only about two feet.

Auto's Weight Cut Half

Discovery of new metals and new alloys in the last quarter century have enabled automobile manufacturers to build cars which would have weighed twice as much if constructed of materials available in 1910. Alloyed steel began to be used by car makers about 1907 and quickly gained recognition as a material for production of better, lighter-inweight automobiles. Today one manufacturer uses fifty kinds of steel, each treated so that it may perform a certain function in the

finished car. Typical of the modern automobiles is an American car which has about 1,900 pounds of steel in its makeup, 350 pounds of cast gray iron and thirty-five pounds of cast malleable iron. Thissame car has seventy pounds of rubber, fifty, pounds of glass, slightly more than thirty pounds each of copper and lead, about fifteen pounds of zinc and the same of manganese. Aluminum, tin, chromium, antimony nickel and cadmium are used in smaller amounts.

Shock from Electric Eel Makes Neon Lamp Blink

There was plenty of life in the sea-going "battery" that arrived at a Los Angeles aquarium recently. Fresh from its native South American marsh, an electric eel was harnessed to a wire circuit and promptly emitted a shock that lighted a neon night lamp.



Electric eel just in from South America sets a neon lamp winking like a harbor buoy with its intermittent shocks

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Automatic Board Scores Baseball or Football

Convertible for keeping score in baseball or football, an automatic board erected recently in the Chicago National League park is operated by pressing buttons. By proper manipulation, the board posts umpires' decisions in letters and numbers visible from all the stands and indicates, by numbers, the player at bat, the count in balls and strikes and the number of



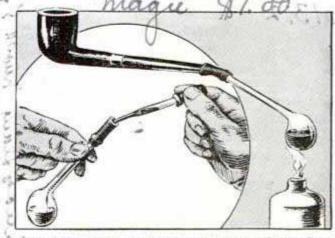
Top, manipulating control board which changes numbers on large scoreboard shown in bottom photo. The score keeper simply presses buttons to make the changes as game progresses

outs. An additional panel, to be used next season, will show hits and errors on each play. Changing the wording over the various panels and adding an extra panel adapts the board to football scoring. It shows the team in possession of the ball, the quarter, down and number of yards to go. Action of the board is electromechanical. The numbers are posted by solenoids, controlled by relays.

Vacuum Cleaner for Your Pipe Washes Inside of Stem

Now there is a special vacuum cleaner for pipe smokers. Not the dirt-collecting type that cleans your rugs, but a liquid cleaner that washes the crust of tar and sediment from the pipestem. It consists of a small retort into which the cleaning fluid is placed with a dropper. The retort is then connected with a rubber tube to the stem of the pipe and held over a flame until the liquid boils up into the pipe, creating a vacuum in the retort. When removed from the flame the liquid returns to the retort. The process is repeated until the liquid is black with dirt removed from the pipe.

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Cleaning fluid inserted in retort with medicine dropper boils up into pipe when heated

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Photographer's Folding Ladder
Is Mounted on a Light Truck



Two views of ladder used by photographer. Above, ladder folded for passing under viaducts. Right, taking picture of large area from ladder top

Enabling the photographer to eliminate foreground in tak- of the spectrum; heating pictures of large areas, a folding ladder mounted on a waves fall largely in the truck saves the work of climbing trees and the expense of infrared section, and rays going up in planes. The ladder is thirty feet long. It folds on causing chemical changes the truck to facilitate travel under low wires and bridges.

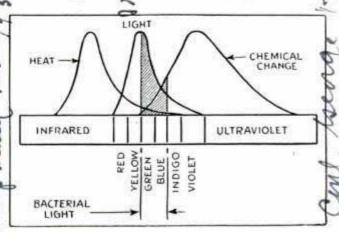
Horn and Whistle Wake Driver

Motorists listen better than they look in responding to traffic signals, it was found in a test of 700 drivers at Indiana University. An automobile horn aroused quicker reaction in applying the brake than did arred light. In the safe driving test, the motorist sat with his foot pressing the accelerator half way down, and the time required to shift the foot to the brake and push it all the way down when signaled by

a red light or a horn was measured. Ears averaged one-hundredth of a second faster than eyes in reaction time for the whole group. However, for individuals, the fastest braking time with the red light was three-tenths of a second; with the horn a little more than two-fifths of a second.

Bacteria in Decayed Wood Glow with "Cold Light"

Photographs and spece trum studies of "fox fire, the weird greenish lumi nescence seen on fungio and decaying wood at night, show that it is the "cold light" of bacteria: These bacteria are luminous for only a short period of their life span. Some forms of life use energy in motion or in generating heat; rarer forms use energy in developing electricity or light. The light visible to the human eye falls between the red and violet of the spectrum; heat waves fall largely in the infrared section, and rays are found in the ultra



Drawing shows how greenish light rays of bacteria in decayed wood fall in "cold" section of spectrum

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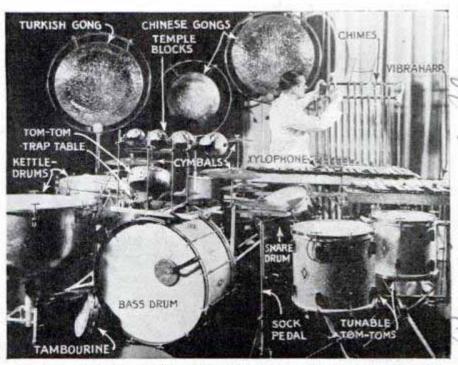
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wholet side. All these waves vary in their effectiveness; the human eye is most sensitive to light in the yellow-green band. Scientists have found that the bacterial light of fox fire is in the spectral area having the maximum sensitivity to the human eye, and the minimum of heat value, thus classifying it as "cold light."

Boys' Model Home Is Complete to Car, Garage

Built to one-third scale, a model house constructed by the boys of the National School of Crayford, Kent, England, is complete, even to a small garage and automobile. The car is barely large enough for one of the boys to squeeze into it. Both house and garage are complete even to small details, reflecting the boys' skill in craftsmanship.

Drummer's Job Seems Easy Until You See What He Plays



How would you like to "caddy" for the drummer in a radio orchestra?

If he had to practice at home he would need a moving van

There was a time when a drummer was a drummer, and there his responsibility stopped. But consider the modern drummer of the radio orchestra and the dance band! He has branched out into sidelines so numerous that Roy Graham of the WGN concert orchestra, standing in the midst of his instruments, looks like a one-man band. His equipment

is protected by an insurance policy for \$5,000.

Besides the kettle and
snare and bass drums of
various sizes and pitches,
Graham keeps busy handling the various tomtoms and tambourines,
chimes and vibraharp,
Turkish gongs and Chinese gongs, xylophones
and cymbals. He uses both
hands and feet and needs
quick eyes, too, to follow
his complicated score.

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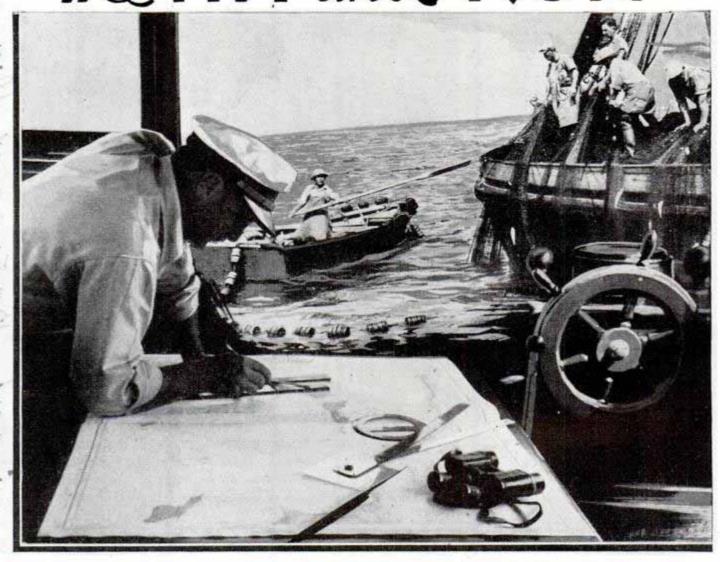
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This Lilliputian house and garage were built by schoolboys. The models are constructed to one-third scale. Note the midget car

 ∏ A turbine generator is being built by the General Electric company to operate at the high pressure of 2,500 pounds and a temperature of 940 degrees Eahrenheit.

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The HIT and RUN



Top, closing the purse seine by drawing in lines attached to top and bottom. Bottom, planning strategy in war against the modern pirates of the Pacific

DARKNESS brings pirates to waters surrounding Santa Catalina island, off the southern California coast. By day they are ordinary fishermen, plying the open sea beyond U. S. waters. By night they are a "hit-and-run" fleet preying upon rich but forbidden fishing grounds inside the three-mile limit.

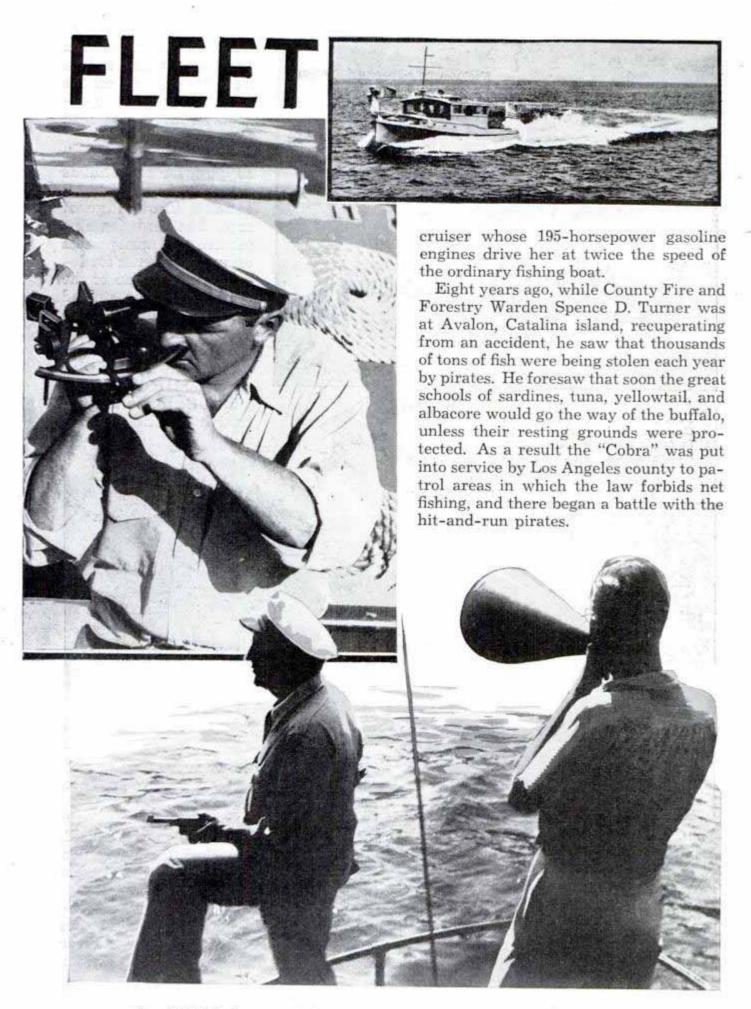
From April to November, huge schools of tuna, sardines, sea bass, yellowtail, barracuda and albacore stream along the Pacific coast on trips of a thousand miles or more. Many come into the bay between Catalina island and the mainland to rest and feed. Fishermen detect their approach several miles away by sighting a ripple roughening the surface or, at night, a bright gleam as the phosphorescence in the water

is disturbed. Immediately the big Diesel boats flock to the vicinity.

Frightened by the disturbance, the fish head for shore, as if realizing that a law protects them in the closed areas, and quietly feed until ready to resume their travels. But this tempting bait is too alluring not to bring poachers into the forbidden waters, for treasure is there—big blueblack tuna averaging thirty pounds in weight, silver shoals of sardines, small but worth fifteen dollars a ton, flashing mackerel that are heavy and quickly run into real money at a cent a pound and schools of yellowtail, sea bass and barracuda. A single night's work may easily net \$5,000.

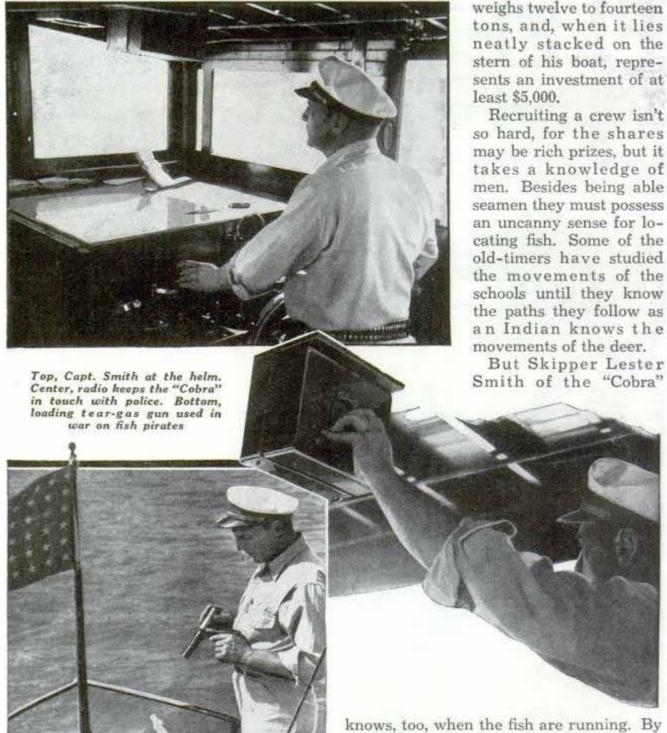
But there's danger in the form of a fast patrol boat, the "Cobra," a forty-five-foot

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Top, the "Cobra" on patrol. Center, "shooting the sun" to take bearings of captured fishing boat. Bottom, shouting the command to halt from the "Cobra"

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Like the rumrunners of prohibition days, these men are a hardy crew, used to matching their wits and sizable bank rolls against the law. The stakes are high. Before a pirate can operate he must outfit himself with a sturdy Diesel-driven boat, an eighty-footer that with auxiliary machinery and other gear will cost \$50,000. Then his net, a "purse seine" woven of cord the thickness of a clothesline wire, must be of the best. Stretched out it measures more than a mile from end to end;

knows, too, when the fish are running. By night his craft quietly makes for the spot, takes its place among the pirates, drops anchor and waits. The ocean is dotted with other craft, perhaps fifty to a hundred. Some have extinguished the navigation lights required by law, others flaunt them and attempt no concealment.

Soon voices call in low tones as a lookout sights a school. Across the water comes a creak of tackle, as a skiff is lowered over the side, the purr of sliding ropes, the plop-plop of cork floats slapping on the water, the swish of the nets as they pay

out, fold after fold, from the high piles on (Continued to page 120A)

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Decorating with 'Velvet' Sprayed from a Gun



Anything from a candy box to the parlor walls can be given a decorative cloth finish with a spray set just put on the market. You can pump powdered wool, silk, rayon or cotton from the hand spray gun and produce an effect of velvet, felt, suede or wool. The ground ma-

terial is available in various colors, so that unusual decorative effects can be worked out on gift boxes, handbags, book ends and similar household objects; suede shoes can be recovered to look as if new; monograms and numerals can be applied in color to women's clothing and athletic jerseys; pills 127

low covers can be given gay patterns, and it is even possible to spray walls and ceilings with the material. Two spray guns are furnished with the outfit, one for applying the powdered cloth and the other for spraying sizing. This sizing is Top, candy box coated with "felt"; spraying "wig" on plaster head and applying sizing. Below, handful of ground material first applied as a binder,

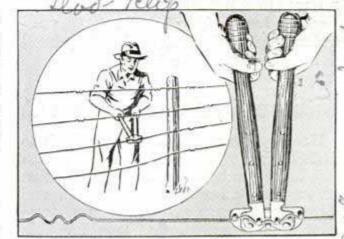
then the powder is sprayed on and in fifteen minutes it is dry. Monograms and patterns are obtained by using stencils. The finished covering is washable and can be brushed. There is no waste, for the powdered material which does not adhere in the spraying can be recaptured and used again.

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Slack in Wire Fence Taken Up by Hand 'Crimping' Tool

When wire fences begin to sag, the slack can be taken up by a tightening tool which puts a "crimp" in the wire. This method makes unnecessary the old system of removing staples, pulling the wire taut and tacking down again. The tightener is worked by hand, taking up an inch of slack with every crimp. The wire is not injured and the crimp is not easily pulled out.

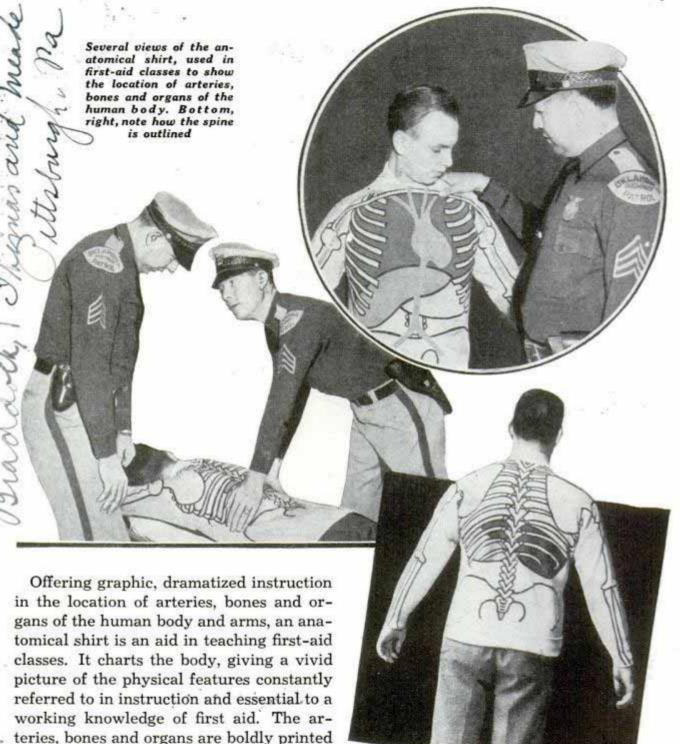
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When fence wires begin to sag, take up the slack with this hand tool which puts a crimp in the wire

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Shirt Charts the Human Body

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Million-Cycle Television Cable Smooths Out the Flicker

Newsreels traveled from New York to Philadelphia over the ninety-mile television line recently in the first demonstration of that million-cycle coaxial cable, and already engineers are planning a twomillion-cycle system that would double the size of the picture or double its clarity. The television screen was an eight-inch-

in black and striking colors.

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square cathode-ray receiver. The movies transmitted from New York appeared in Philadelphia as a 240-line image with very little flicker, and the audience, ten feet away, could see a tennis ball in flight. The signals are amplified every ten miles along the cable, the "multiplier" containing about as much equipment as an average radio

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receiver. Radio chains expect to begin regular television broadcasts experimentally in the New York metropolitan area very shortly. If broadcasts are made beyond this area the coaxial cable would be required, and since the short waves used for television cannot be transmitted more than fifty miles, it is expected long-distance transmission would be by cable with automatic rebroadcasting every fifty miles.

Pumpkin with Face of a Man Grows Inside a Cast

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Raised inside an aluminum cast, a pumpkin with the face of a man has been grown by an Ohio farmer. Experimenting

for four years with various types of casts, num form when it was still as small as an indoor baseball. After it had grown big enough to fill the inside contours, he removed the cast and the features remained as the pumpkin grew larger. The farmer patented his invention.



This "pumpkin-head" with the face of a man grew up inside an aluminum cast until it took this shape

Mirror Shows Pianist's Hands to All in Concert Audience



Here is how the pianist appears to the audience when a mirror is used back of piano to make artist's hands visible to all spectators

Because almost everyone in the audihe finally succeeded in developing a sculp- * ence wants to see the artist's hands in actured pumpkin by placing it in an alumi- tion, a mirror attached properly to a piano reflects the pianist's hands in a manner satisfactory to all admirers and students attending concerts. The solution, worked out by Dr. Thomas C. Poulter of Chicago, makes the hands visible to practically every spectator in the concert hall. Hitherto, othe artist's hands were visible only from part of the left side of the hall.

· lo 1305-Porous Rubber Clothes Brush Removes Lint, Dust and Hair

Especially suitable for brushing velvet, satin or suede materials, a rubber clothes brush is now offered. It is made of porous latex · rubber and can be washed with soap and water. The

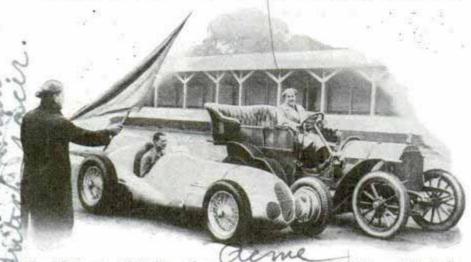


brush is claimed to be especially effective in removing hair, dust or lint from clothes.

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'Granddaddy' Toes the Mark with 200-Mile-an-Hour Racer



The old-timer, a 1903 Mercedes, has a one-yard lead but it won't last when the 1937 racer gets going! The younger car can do 200 miles an hour

They don't look like near relatives, but they are both Mercedes cars, "born" thirty-four years apart. The two automobiles lined up side by side recently before the start of London's first international autorace, presenting a dramatic picture of the progress from the "linen duster" days of automobiling to the streamline age. The "granddaddy" was built in 1903. The bulletlike racer is capable of 200 miles an hour.

Electric Auto-Tube Vulcanizer Shuts Off Automatically

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Assuring the user of a perfect job, an electric vulcanizer now on the market automatically shuts off when the time is up. A special timing device does the work.

Here are the essential parts of electrical vulcanizer

preventing the burning out of costly equipment and the danger of under and over curing. The vulcanizer plugs into the nearest wall outlet of 110 volts, alternating current, fifty-sixty cycles. All types of repairs on auto tubes, from small punctures to large tears, and valve-stem replacements can be made.

Boat Repair Shop Specializes on Propellers

Adjusting and repairing boat propellers is the sole

business of one Massachusetts firm, introducing a new line in this age of specialization. The firm has hundreds of customers in the United States, as well as in Cuba,

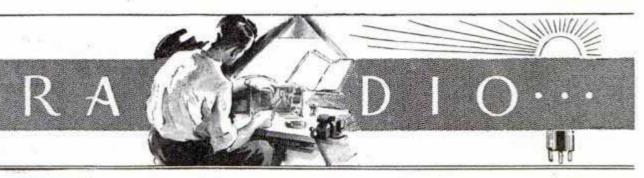


Finishing a boat propeller in shop which makes specialty of this kind of work

Mexico and Sumatra. Among the jobs calling for special attention is that of refinishing a propeller. In order that the propeller may perform its functions properly, it must be finished to an exact degree. Refinishing calls for the same exactitude in workmanship.

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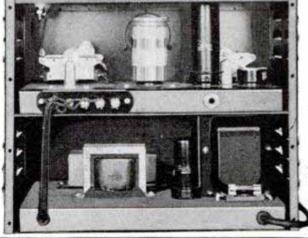


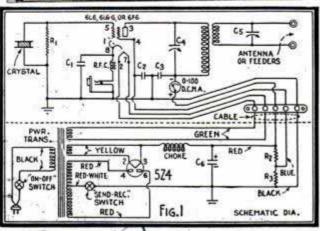


ANY amateur can build this 25-watt C.W. transmitter, which covers all bands with only two crystals. The complete kit of parts, less tubes, meter and crystal, costs about \$16. Most of the smaller parts are pre-mounted to avoid any possible error in assembly.

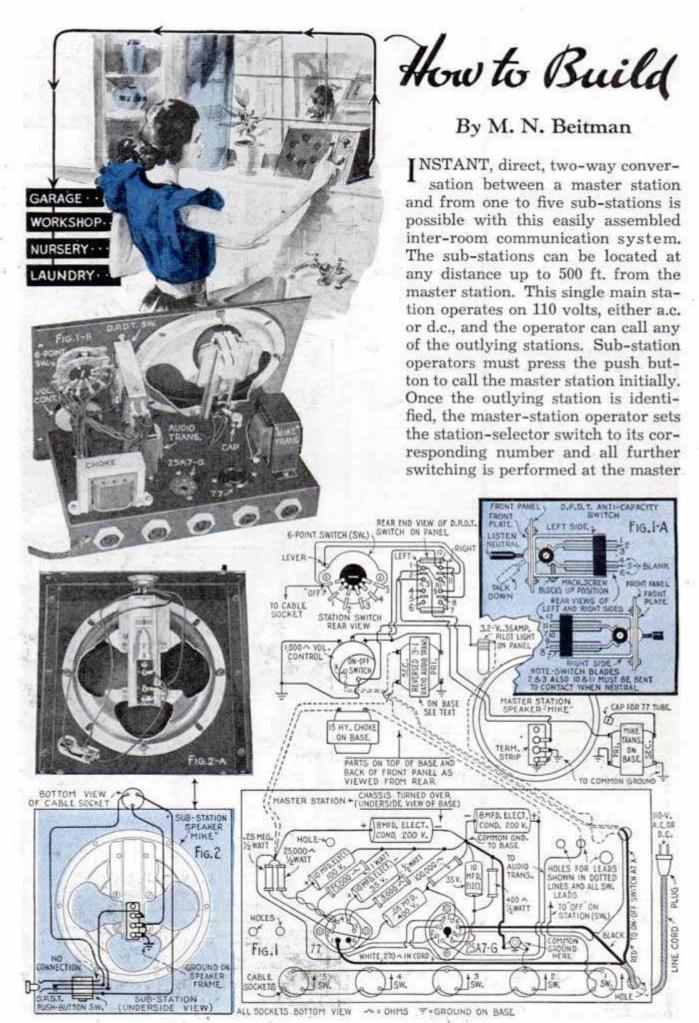
The rear-view photo of the completed unit shows the R. F. chassis above and the a.c. power supply on a separate base below. The R. F. section contains the entire oscillator circuits as well as the antenna tuning condenser. A neat black crackle-finished steel cabinet houses both chassis bases, and stand-off insulators are provided for the antenna feeders. A schematic circuit diagram is given in Fig. 1. Simplified wiring diagrams and detailed instructions are supplied with the kit.

A phone jack is provided for plugging in the key; this jack is mounted on the rear of the R. F. chassis. Forty and 160-meter crystals are recommended for beginners and the use of harmonics is not advised unless the operator has a good frequency meter to distinguish between the crystal frequency or one of the harmonics.





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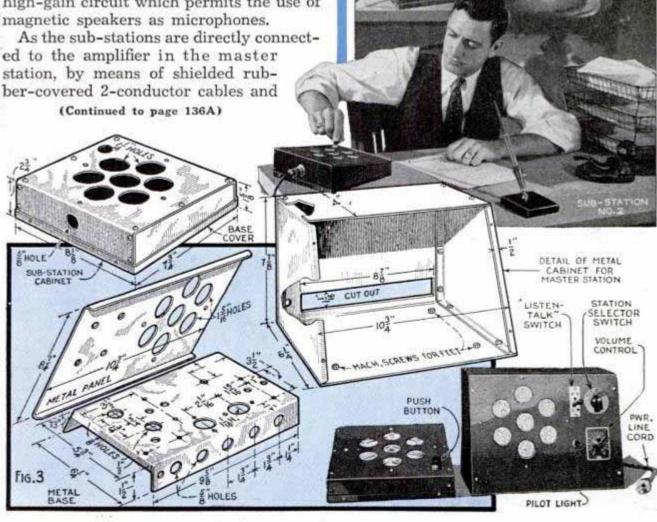


a TWO-WAY INTER-ROOM Communicator

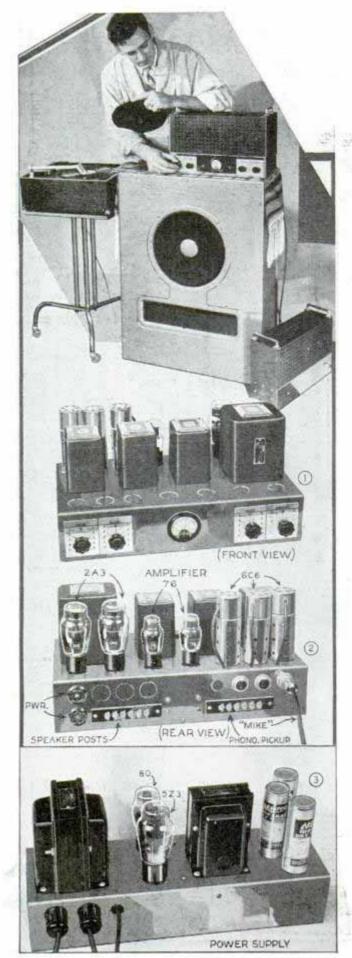
station. He pushes the d.p.d.t. switch lever down to talk and raises it to the neutral position to listen. At the end of the conversation the station switch is reset to the "off" position and the system is ready for further calls. Messages between any two sub-stations may be relayed by the master-station operator.

The heart of the system is the amplifier in the master station; only two tubes are used for economy and simplicity. A type-77 tube is employed as a high-gain pentode and is resistance-coupled to a new type 25A7-G combination pentode-amplifier and rectifier. This results in an extremely high-gain circuit which permits the use of

As the sub-stations are directly connected to the amplifier in the master station, by means of shielded rub-



Ten-Watt High-Fidelity 2A3 Audio Amplifier



By W. C. Howe

EVERY provision for perfect audio reproduction has been included in the design of this 10-watt audio amplifier that can be assembled with ordinary tools. Type-2A3 tubes and the conservative output rating were selected as being most consistent with pure, clear sound reproduction. Dependable, quality performance fits the unit for work in all fields where high fidelity is important, such as home recording and public address.

Tested in Popular Mechanics radio laboratory with a 15-in. peri-dynamic speaker and a high-impedance phonograph pickup, the results were highly satisfactory. The assembly includes a pre-amplifier and mixer with three input channels which may be faded from each other, thus enabling the builder to work out input combinations of microphone and pickup to suit different requirements. Service men will find this amplifier useful for rental purposes as the cases are provided with carrying handles mounted on the metal covers.

The meter is employed to measure the plate current of each 2A3 tube separately, and individual bias controls make possible compensation for differences in the tubes. All parts are standard and a foundation unit is available from radio supply houses. This unit consists of the chassis bases with all tube sockets mounted, terminal strips and the necessary hardware; also complete diagrams and assembly instructions.

Various views of the completed amplifier and power-supply units are shown in photos Figs. 1, 2 and 3. The schematic circuit diagram indicates all connections to the cable plugs and sockets employed for quickly connecting the power-supply unit to the amplifier.

In a high-fidelity amplifier of this description, there are a few necessary precautions to observe in wiring: volume-control cases must be grounded to the common ground wire; this also applies to all shielding. Keep the input and output leads as far away from each other as possible and make sure that all tube shields are well grounded.

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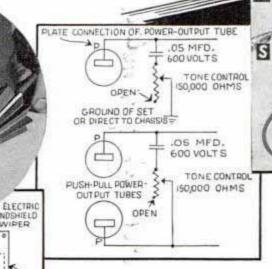
SPRING BRASS

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WIPE CONTACT

Selective-beam directional antenna permits wider and sharper reception through the use of two doublets placed at right angles to each other. A switching unit at the receiver end terminates the 4-conductor transmission line and enables the operator to pick at will nine different beams for the desired signal with maximum strength and minimum interference. Although designed for the 20, 40 and 80-meter bands, points north or east connect the system into a "T"-type antenna suitable for lower frequencies and the broadcast band. Below, tapered reamers for radio workers



Left, tone control easily connected to any set; diagrams show variable resistor and condenser connections for either single or push-pull output tubes

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Left, automatic signal key made from electric windshield wiper. A handy method for leaving the key on "stand-by" signal if called to answer the phone when half-way through a transmission. The wiper arm is cut and insulated with a short section of fiber dowel. Below, voltage-regulator strip for operating 2-volt tubes on any 3-volt dry-cell battery

Below, cutting pliers clamped in vise provide a simple means for quickly stripping insulation from the ends of wire when numerous pieces are required for circuit connections. Separate the jaws a little more than the thickness of the wire at the hinge, pull wire down and out-ward to remove insulation



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Receiver Has Motor-Driven Dial

Build This Oscillograph



You can assemble this oscillograph from a complete kit of parts which include the steel cabinet, sockets, transformers, condensers and necessary hardware. A1-in.type-



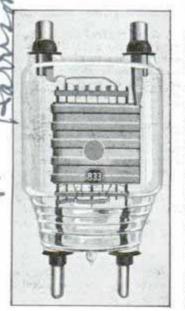
913 cathode-ray tube is used with built-in sweep circuit and wide range vertical amplifier. Provision is made for cutting the amplifier in and out.

Automatic Record Changer

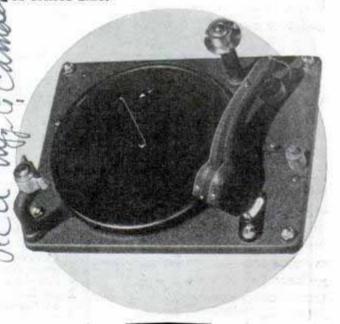
Seven 10-in. records are automatically changed by means of this compact unit that can be installed in your old phonograph to bring it up to date. It will play 12-in. records manually and repeats the last record of either size.

A choice of electric or manual tuning is available in this 6-tube dual-band "dynatrol" receiver with 8-in. electro-dynamic speaker housed in an attractive chairside cabinet. Under complete control of the operator, a small motor quickly drives the dial pointer from one end of the mirror-type dial to the other.

Tube for Ultra-Short Waves



Of advanced design, this tube, for transmitting ultra-high frequencies up to 100 megacycles, employs a minimum amount of insulation within the tube, and terminal posts make a base unnecessary. This type-833 tube can be operated at high plate efficiency with low driving power.



Blueprints covering radio construction articles in past issues are available for 25 cents each; original material lists and additional information can be obtained from our Radio Department without charge upon receipt of postage.

NEXT MONTH—How to Build the 1938 Little Giant Portable A.C.-D.C. Receiver. The improved model of this popular midget broadcast set has variable tone control, phonograph pick-up jacks, gets police calls, 2-watt output, works on 20-ft. antenna, and beginners can build. Also, Three-Band 804 Radiophone

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Window CORNICES For your home

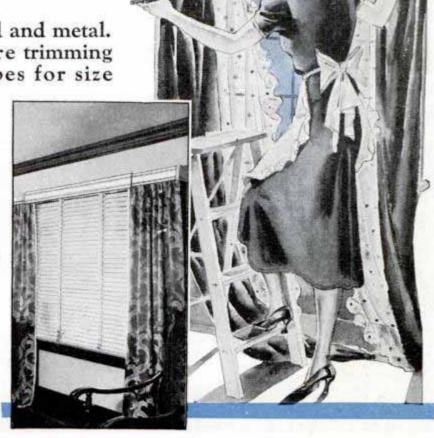
Four styles—both wood and metal. One has the latest wire trimming and another telescopes for size

By WAYNE C. LECKEY

DOPULAR a decade ago, valance boards, now called window cornices, are again considered smart window treatment for the upto-date home. The little cornice-shaped boxes suggested here conceal the drapery fixtures and give an attractive finish to a window. The designs shown are typical examples of what can be done. Finished in bone white or walnut, they go well with almost any modern furnishings. As window sizes vary, no dimensions are

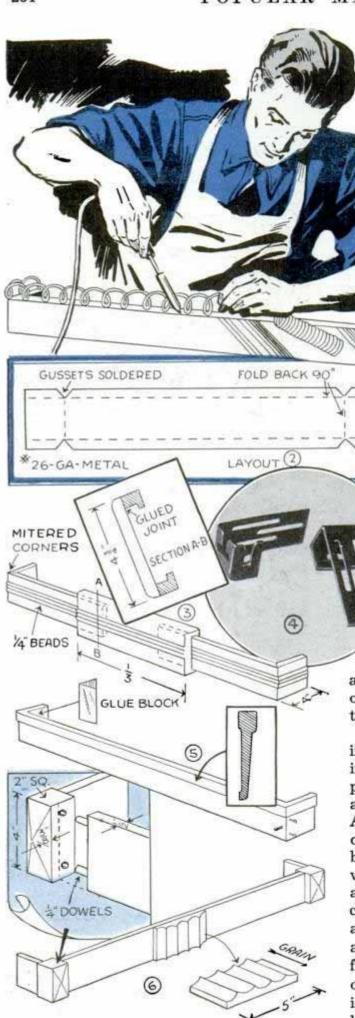
given. Measurements must be taken directly from the window so that the completed cornices extend to the edges of the window casings.

Heavily enameled in bone white, the cornice shown in Fig. 1, with its scalloped edge of wire, is formed from light sheet



The cornice above is just the thing for families living in apartments or rented homes as the end pieces slide into the center one permitting adjustment to different windows

metal. A pattern, Fig. 2, is first laid out and then cut from No. 26-ga. galvanized metal. The edges can be bent easily in an improvised brake assembled by clamping the work between two lengths of angle iron or strips of hardwood. The gussets at the corners are then soldered together neatly.



Wire is first coiled on a dowel and then stretched to form scalloped trim shown at left

12-GA-SOFT WIRE

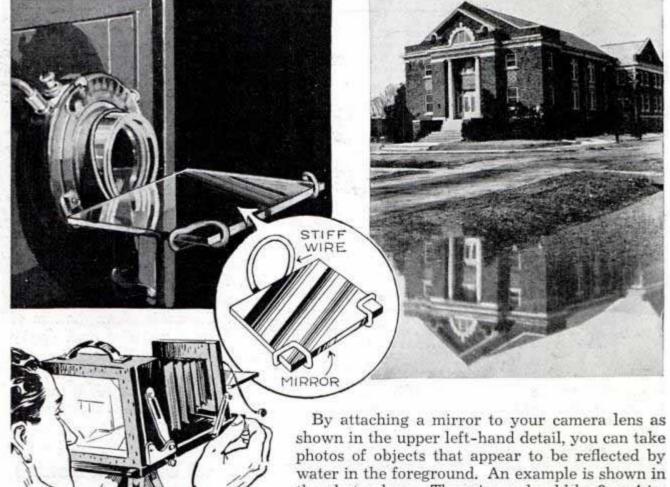
HARDWOOD DOWEL

The wire scallop, soldered to the lower edge, is formed by first winding No. 12-ga. soft, iron wire around a hardwood dowel and stretching the coil out as each loop is "spotted" with solder to the edge of the box. Fixtures for fastening the cornice to the window are likewise soldered to the inside of the end pieces. The design shown in Fig. 3 has the advantage of being adjustable and will be found desirable for double or triple windows. The ends, mitered at the corners, slide into a center board which has rabbeted strips glued to its edges. Beading on the face can be done by hand if need be, by running a half-round file back and forth

against a guide strip clamped to the face of the work. Solid stock is preferred for this although plywood can be used.

A simple, yet pleasing cornice, is given in Fig. 5. It is assembled simply by mitering standard door-casing stock of the proper length. Small glue blocks inserted at the corners will give added strength. Almost equally as simple to make is the one shown in Fig. 6. Here, diamond-faced blocks are cut and doweled at the ends while a decorative, fluted overlay is glued and tacked to the center. For fastening the cornices to the casings, standard fasteners as shown in Fig. 4 can be purchased. These are attached with screws to the inner surface of the cornice and hook over the head of a screw placed near the top of the casing. An alternate method of fastening may be had by using hooks and screw eyes.

Mirror Imitates Water Reflection in Photos



By attaching a mirror to your camera lens as shown in the upper left-hand detail, you can take photos of objects that appear to be reflected by water in the foreground. An example is shown in the photo above. The mirror should be 3 or 4 in. square, and can be attached with stiff wire bent to hold it as indicated in the circular detail. If you keep the attachment a secret from your friends, and take photos of their homes or other familiar objects not near water, you'll have a lot of fun when they see photos of their homes and a body of water in the foreground. It is necessary to have the glass free of dust when taking a picture,

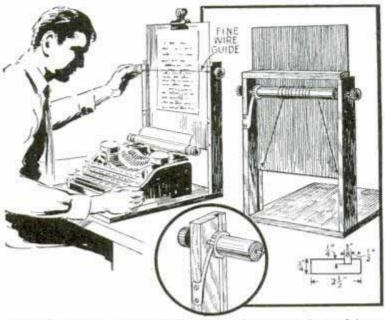
-Paul Hadley, Piggott, Ark.

Speed of Photographic Film Increased by Mercury Vapor

Photographers who want still greater speed than modern emulsions can provide, will be interested in a method of dry hypersensitizing with mercury vapor, which gives from 50 to 150 per cent increase in emulsion sensitivity. The film is placed in a tight container with a small amount of liquid mercury (0.5 gram), or silver amalgam containing a high percentage of mercury and is allowed to stand at room temperature. About 36 hrs. is long enough for loose or unwrapped material but a week is required for wrapped or tightly

spooled film. The sensitizing action of the mercury vapor is reported to be slow and so uniform that streaks or spots will not occur. Actual contact with the film is prevented by placing the mercury in an open glass or metal container, or by wrapping the amalgam loosely in porous blotting paper. It was found that films showed greater sensitivity when hypersensitized after exposure instead of before exposure. The stability of the film is not permanently affected, although the increase in speed is gradually lost over a period of four weeks.

Typist's Copy Holder Spaces the Same as Your Typewriter

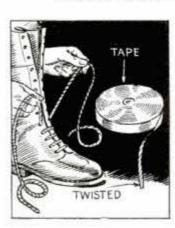


Your typewriter sets on the base of this copy holder and keeps it steady when raising or lowering the copy

Here's a holder that keeps your copy at the correct eye level for easy reading and it raises the copy one typewriter space at the turn of a knob. The frame of the holder is made of wood as indicated at the right, the copy board operating in grooves cut in the two standards. The board is suspended from an old typewriter platen mounted at the top of the standards, a piece of spring brass or steel being shaped and screwed to one of them to engage the ratchet on the platen as shown in the circular detail. A piece of fine wire is used as a line finder, although a piece of cardboard or thin plywood across the front will serve the same purpose.

—W. W. Wheatly, Lakeside, Calif.

Emergency Shoelaces Are Made from Electrician's Tape



When laces on your high-top shoes break, and there are no new ones at hand, emergency laces can be made in a jiffy from strips of electrician's tape. It is twisted as shown, with the gummed surface

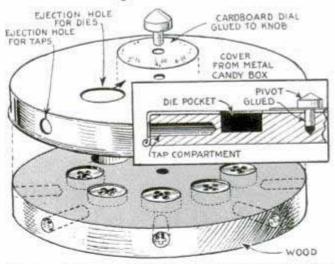
inside to help prevent the tape from unrolling and also to allow the lace to pass easily through the shoe eyes. The strong cords made in this manner are also useful for other purposes.

Mounting Bicycle Tires

Bicycle tires may be mounted upon either wood or steel rims with a cement made by mixing the following together, rubber (crude), 2 lbs., rosin, 2 lbs., and carbon disulphide, 1 gal. Carbon disulphide should never be handled near an open flame or while smoking, as it is highly inflammable. The cement will keep if stored in screw-cap bottles or sealed cans. To use it, clean the rim of old cement and dirt and apply with a brush. A light coat of the

cement should also be applied to the rim surface of the tire. The tire is placed on the rim quickly and the cement allowed to set for from 1 to 2 hours.

This Tap and Die Rack Rotates for Quick Selection



Taps and dies are selected as to size by turning cover until arrow points to correct figure on dial

Any size tap and its corresponding size die can be selected instantly from this holder which consists of a plywood disk fitting freely inside of a metal cover as shown. A hole through the center of both permits the location of a wood peg, which should fit the disk snugly but the cover loosely so the latter can be rotated. Ra-

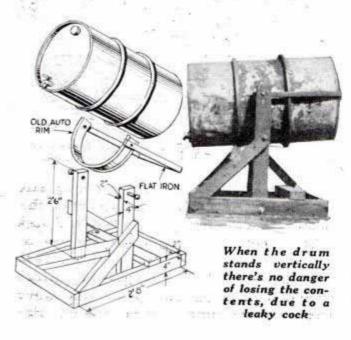
dial lines are drawn on the diskas many lines as there are taps —and two sets of holes are bored: one set in the edge of the disk to take the taps and the other on the top surface to take the dies. The result is that a tap and die of the same size are located in line so that when the tin or cardboard cover having a pair of similar holes cut in it, is swung around, both tap and die are accessible. As a guide to indicate sizes of the taps and dies, a tin or cardboard disk having the sizes marked on its edge, is fastened to the head of the peg so that it will remain stationary in relation to the wooden disk while the tin cover can be rotated freely.

Gasoline Drum Is Pivoted on Rigid Support

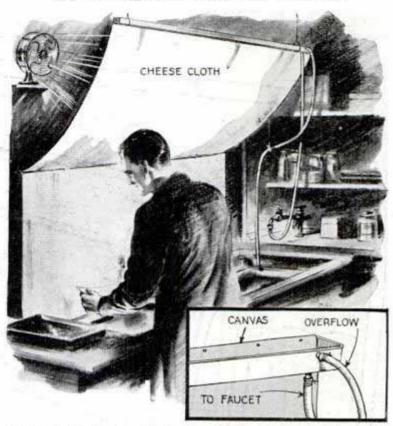
Quickly improvised from odds and ends, this oil or gasoline drum support is tipped to a horizontal position in order to pour out the contents. The drum stands almost

vertically when not in use, which prevents the contents from being accidentally lost through a leaky cock. A sturdy wooden framework of 2-in. stock braces two uprights between which a cradle is pivoted. This cradle consists of a half of an old automobile-tire rim and some flat iron, assembled as shown.

-O. L. Conaway, Long Beach, Calif.



Darkroom Temperature Reduced by Evaporation of Water



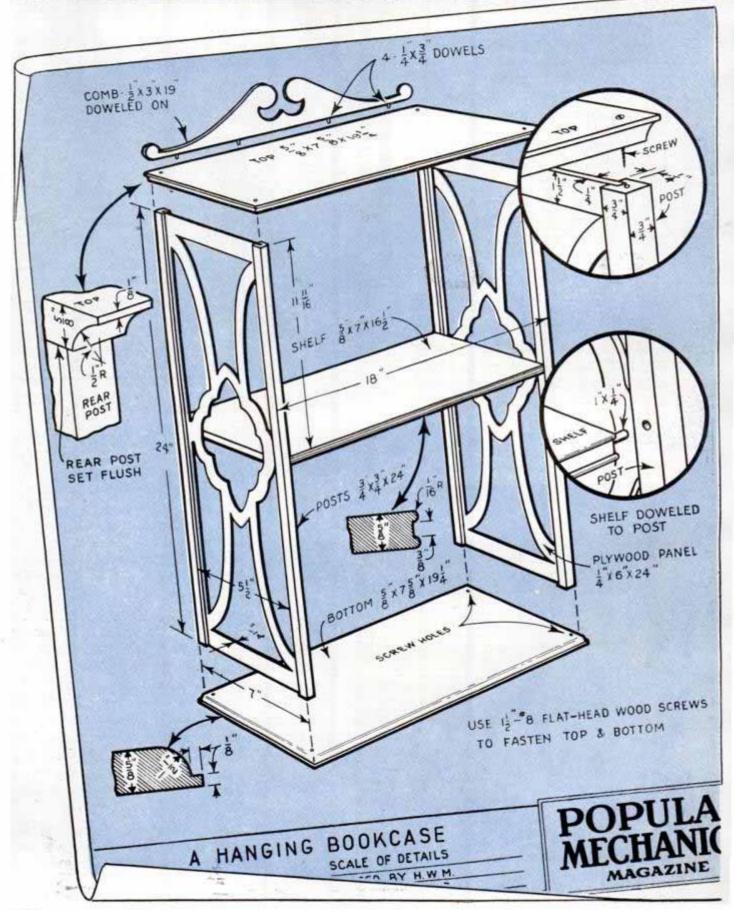
Cloth stretched above darkroom sink keeps room cool by evaporating water rapidly when fan blows air across it

Based on the fact that evaporation of water from any surface cools it and the adjacent air, this darkroom cooler helps considerably to keep the temperature down on hot summer days. On dry days the cooler works better than it does on humid days because when the humidity is high, the evaporation of water is very slow and the consequent cooling effect is minimized. The cooler illustrated consists of a large piece of cheesecloth suspended from a shallow trough over the sink. The detail shows how the water from the faucet is brought up into the trough through a rubber tube and how another tube leads the overflow back to the sink. An electric fan keeps the air in motion and hastens evaporation. In the darkroom where the cooler was installed, the initial room temperature of 85° was reduced to 70° in a short time.

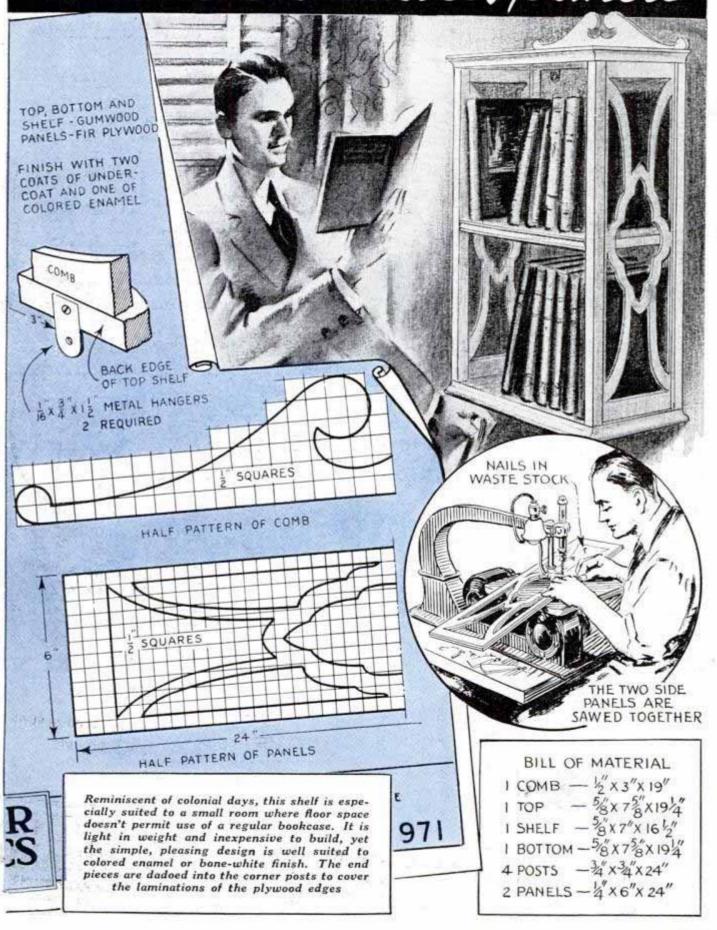
—Merle Terrill, Portland, Ore.

Painted bathroom walls often can be cleaned by filling the tub with very hot water and letting the room steam for about 5 min., after which the walls and ceiling can be wiped clean with a dry cloth.

HANGING BOOK SHELF



has scroll-sawed banels



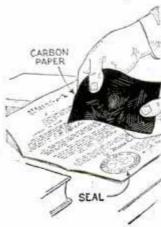
This Improvised Drawing Curve Is Quickly Adjusted



Adjustable drawing curve made from wood block fitted with a handle and a length of clock spring

A piece of wood, a length of rod, an old clock spring and a handle comprise this adjustable curve, which is a timesaver for artists. It is necessary, of course, that the spring be fairly stiff. Holes in the spring, where it is mounted on the rod, should be slightly oval-shaped, but not enough to give the spring a tendency to slip. If it does, however, the trouble may be prevented by using a small collar and set screw. A strip of fairly heavy sheet fiber or celluloid can be substituted for the clock spring, if desired.

Darkened Notarial Seals Show Clearly on Photostat



Notarial seals on legal papers will show clearly on photostatic copies if the impressions of the seals are rubbed lightly with carbon paper before photographing them. The carbon darkens the raised por-

tion of the seal so that it shows on the negative and finished copy. The carbon will not damage the original and it saves time of retouching the negative by hand.

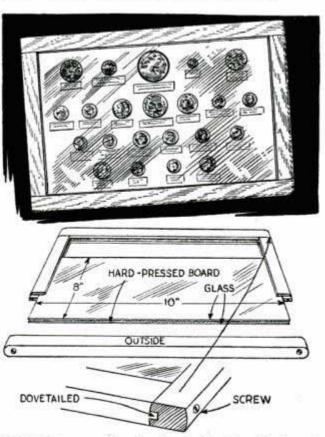
Hunter Carries "Stove" and Fuel in His Pocket

When you go on a hunting or hiking trip, get a couple of cans and fill them with sand. Then pour in enough alcohol to saturate the sand thoroughly and put on the lids, which should fit tightly. Then you will have a tiny "stove" already filled with fuel and ready to ignite.

-Charles B. Kramer, Michigan City, Ind.

Both Sides of Coin Are Visible in This Holder

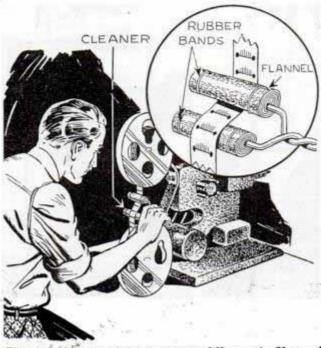
Both sides of your coin collection are visible in this holder without any danger of the pieces being scratched or thumbstained. A frame of 1 by ¾-in. walnut takes a core of hard-pressed board and two pieces of glass as indicated. Holes are bored in the core to take the coins, which should fit tightly so that they will not fall out.—Don. W. Sigler, Lincoln, Nebr.



This holder permits showing both sides of coin collection yet avoids danger of the coins being damaged



Movie Film Is Cleaned of Dust While Rewinding It



Flannel pads on wire prongs straddle movie film and clean both sides while it is being rewound

Here is a simple device with which you can clean both sides of your movie film when rewinding it on a reel. The cleaner consists of a length of wire looped in the center and twisted to leave two prongs at the end, which are wrapped with flannel in several layers and bound with rubber bands. It is best to dampen the pads with a good film-cleaning fluid before using them. When the pads become soiled on one side, the film is shifted so that it runs on the other side. When both sides are soiled, the cloth is unwound one turn and the soiled piece is cut off.

—Martin G. Winterton, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Designs on Mimeograph Stencils Made with Sandpaper Cutouts



In making mimeograph stencils for duplicating menus and similar work they can be given decorative borders with sandpaper cutouts, as shown. The border design is first sketched on the back of a sheet of medium-grain sandpaper and then cut out with a sharp knife. The cutout is placed, rough side up, under the stencil after which the latter is covered with a sheet of Cellophane to prevent scratching. The design is then transferred to the stencil by rubbing over the cutout with regular stylus or a blunt-end instrument.

Tripod Legs Are Held Together by Wide Rubber Band

Stretched over the legs of a camera tripod near the top, a rubber band 2 or 3 in. wide cut from an old inner tube will keep the legs from spreading when carrying it. Also, the band



tends to keep the legs from slipping when the camera is in use.

-Jos. C. Coyle, Yuma, Ariz.

Microscope Slides Held Safely in Coiled Pipe Cleaner



Using this holder you can keep microscope slides at hand right on your worktable without damaging the specimens. A pipe cleaner is coiled and the ends are fastened to the

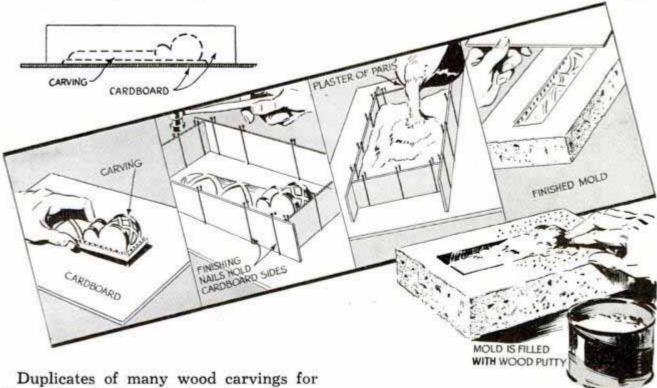
table or shelf with tacks or small screws, after which the glass slides can be set edgewise between the coils.

Defrosting Refrigerator Quickly

If you have an electric refrigerator that does not defrost automatically, the job can be done in a few minutes by merely filling the ice trays with hot water and setting an electric fan in or near the refrigerator to blow warm air from the kitchen onto the freezing unit. If an electric hair drier containing a heating element is available, it will melt away the ice speedily.

-Harold E. Benson, Denver, Colo.

An Easy Way to Duplicate Wood Carvings



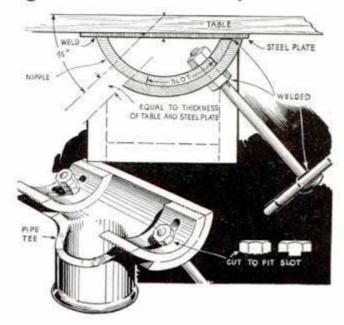
Duplicates of many wood carvings for decorating chests, cabinets, mirror frames, etc., are easily made by molding them. This is done by first forming a plaster-of-paris mold and filling this with wood putty. For one-piece molds, the carvings must be fairly simple so that they can be drawn out easily. For more intricate carvings you may have to use two or three-part molds. First apply a liberal coating of sweet oil to the carving and lay it face upward on a piece of cardboard. Then put a cardboard "fence" around the carving, supporting it

with nails. Mix equal parts of water and plaster of paris and pour the mixture over the carving. After the mixture has hardened, remove the cardboard and carving carefully. Now you proceed to fill the mold thus made with wood putty. Press in a layer and allow it to dry thoroughly before adding successive layers until the mold is filled. If the whole mold is filled at one time, a certain amount of shrinkage may cause distortion of the work.

Trunnion Made of Pipe Fittings Gives Close Adjustment

Using a heavy pipe tee and a matching close nipple, you can make a trunnion for tilting tables that gives critical adjustment through a range of 45°. The nipple is cut away to form two rockers, which are slotted for bolts. A steel plate, which supports the table, is welded to the rockers. Notice that the tee is cut away to allow the table to tilt a full 45°. The second nut on the clamping bolt is filed away so that it will ride in the slot without turning when the clamp is loosened. The second bolt at the rear is, of course, shorter, and if tension is desired, may be provided with a spring compressed between the head and the nut. Keep light oil on the threads.

-A. F. Buzdas, Stockton, Calif.





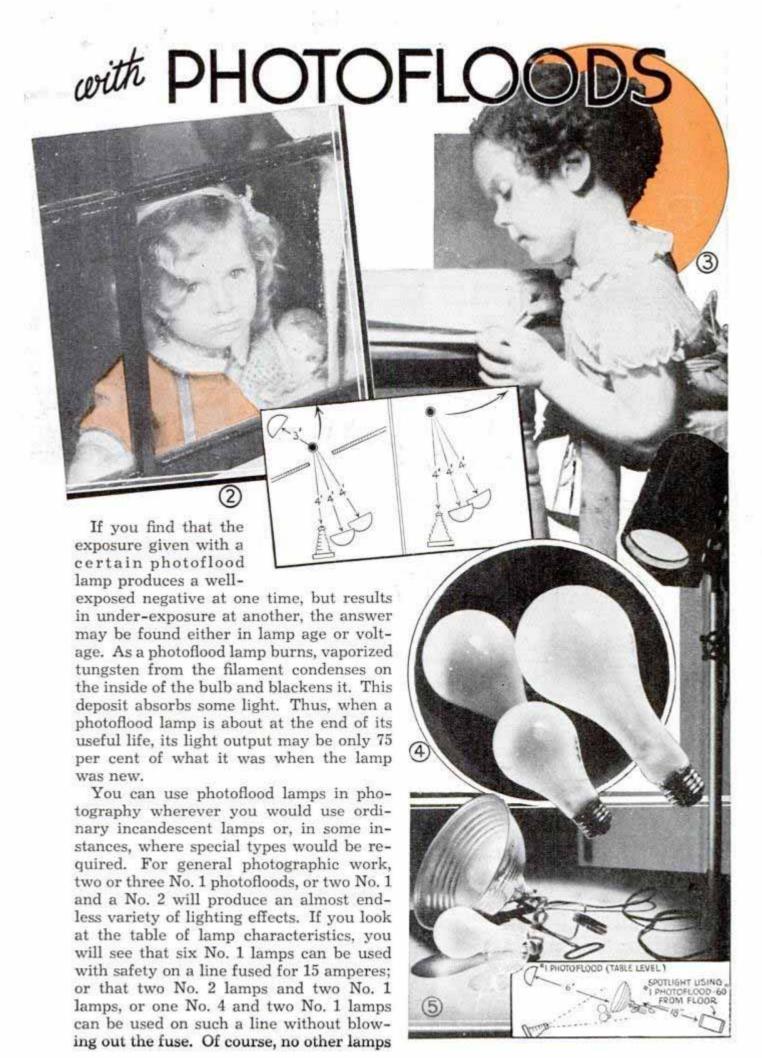
NDOOR portraits, canaid shots of all members of the family, unposed photos or just pictures of the home interior for record—these are now easy to take with any camera and photoflood lamps, the latter providing an inexpensive source of intense illumination. By carefully arranging the lamps, it is possible for the amateur cameraman to produce almost any lighting effect that he desires.

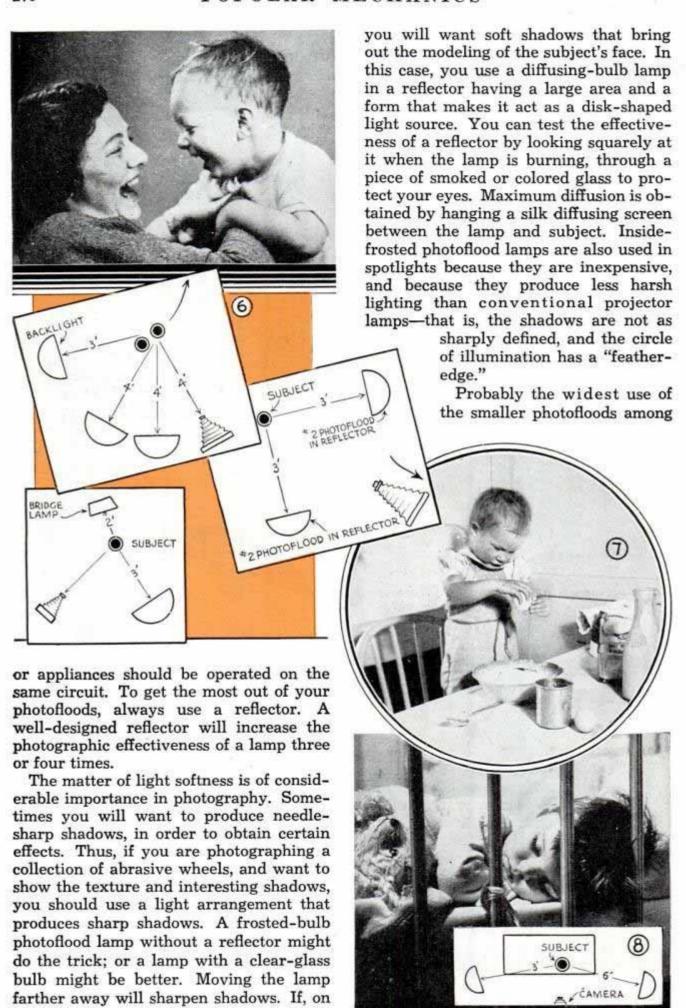
In general appearance, a photoflood lamp is very much like any other incandescent lamp. The filament, however, has been designed so that it is heated almost to the melting point of tungsten when an electric current passes through it. At such a high filament temperature, the light output is great, but the current consumption is relatively low. Because of the high filament temperature, a photoflood lamp has a short life when compared with ordinary service lamps. Most generally useful are the inside-frosted photofloods which are about

so that they can be used in enlargers: photoflood lamps with blue-glass bulbs to give a daylight quality to the illu-

mination. Photoflood lamps come in several sizes. First, there's the No. 1 photoflood, the smallest of the series and an all-around lamp for the amateur. Then the No. 2 and No. 4 photofloods which are useful where progressively higher levels of illumination are required, the latter size being especially suitable for the average work of the advanced amateur. Finally, there's the movieflood lamp which is not strictly a photoflood lamp, but may be considered along with them. It is designed for motion-picture and still photography where a very high light intensity is desired. Essential characteristics of the four different types of lamps are given in the following table:

9	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	Movie- flood
Wattage (actual) at 115 volts	250	500	1,000	2,000
Amperage ratings at 115 volts	2,17	4.35	8.7	17.4
Maximum life in hours	2	6	10	15





the other hand, you are taking a portrait,

amateur photographers is for the making of indoor portraits of children and grownups. Two or three portable lighting units are required for best results. Simple metal reflectors with No. 1 photofloods will do in most cases; or a photoflood spotlight can be substituted for one of them, if desired. While there are many ways of arranging the various lighting units, the general arrangement for the average indoor shot is to place one photoflood lamp somewhere behind the subject's head, out of range of the camera lens, and adjust it for height and lateral position until the proper back lighting is obtained on the hair, face, shoulders, hat, etc. Then place a second unit somewhere in front of the subject, adjusting it to provide general illumination on the face in such a manner that the features are brought out boldly. This lamp generally will be to the left or right of the camera, and fairly close to the subject. Place the third photoflood lamp farther back, and on the opposite side of the camera, adjusting it so that it produces good

Exposure	Table for	Two No.	1 Photoflood	Lamps
	in C	ood Refle	ctors	

Distance—Lamps to Subject	Exposure Sec.	Lens Diaphragm Opening
4 ft.	1/25	F/4.5
	1/10	F/8
	1/5	F/11
	1/2	F/16
6 ft.	1/10	F/4.5
	1/5	F/6.3
	1/2	F/11
	1	F/16
10 ft.	1/5	F/4.5
	1/2	F/6.3
	1	F/8
	1-1/2	F/11
	3	F/16



modeling of features by illuminating the harsh shadows cast on the face by the second lamp, but does not obliterate them entirely. See Figs. 1 to 10.

The matter of exposure can be determined by means of a table, if you have no exposure meter. The exposure table on this page, based on the use of fast panchromatic film, has been worked out and will be of some use in calculating exposures.

To decrease exposure time for a given distance and lens opening, increase the number of lamps. Thus, doubling the number will cut the exposure in half. Another way is to employ larger lamps. The No. 2

gives twice as much light as the No. 1, and the No. 4 gives four times as much. If you use No. 2 lamps instead of No. 1 give ½ the exposure; for No. 4 lamps, give ¼ the exposure.

SILK DIFFUSING SCREEN

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2 PHOTOFLOOD -6'

MINIATURE CAMERA

Carrying Rack on Child's Scooter for School Books



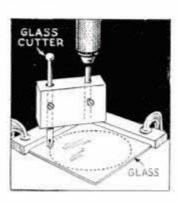
Child's scooter fitted with rack to carry school books, or groceries from the store

Besides making it convenient for the child to carry books and parcels, a rack on his scooter allows him to have both hands free to handle the scooter when crossing streets. A wire file basket such as used in offices will serve as a rack; it is mounted on a wood block, which is curved on the underside to the contour of the fender and bolted in place. When the rack is not needed, it can be removed by merely taking out the two bolts.

—Opie Read, Jr., Chicago.

Glass Disks Cut Accurately on Drill Press

A number of glass disks are cut quickly and accurately on your drill press with the jig shown. It consists of a hardwood block



drilled to take a glass cutter and a small rod, with which it is chucked in the drill press. The glass to be cut is held in place on the table by two blocks clamped in position. In use, the cutter is rotated slowly by pull-

ing on the belt with one hand. After a circle has been scored on the glass, scored lines radiating from the circle to the edges of the glass will have to be made by hand so that the waste can be broken away without damaging the disk.

Canvas Pockets to Hold Brads and Small Parts

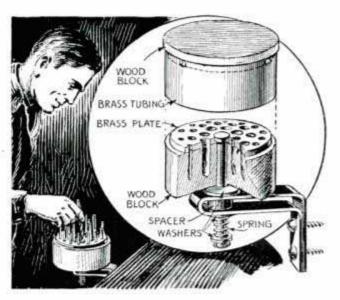
Fitted with eyelets and suspended from L-hooks on the wall above a workbench, canvas pockets are handy to hold screws, brads and other small parts within easy reach. In use, a pocket is removed from the supporting hooks,



laid on the bench and the contents poured out on the flap. Raising the flap returns the unused parts to the pocket without waste of time.

Turret Stand Keeps Your Drills Within Easy Reach

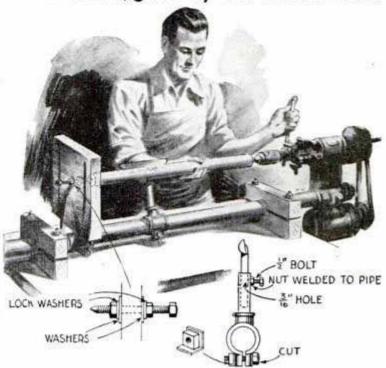
Here's a drill holder that you can mount on the wall above your workbench or any other place where it is within convenient reach, and it can be rotated to make selec-



This holder is mounted within easy reach and rotates so that you can select a drill in a jiffy

tion of the drills easy. It consists of two parts—a body and cover—which are pivoted to a flat-iron bracket. The body consists of a circular wood block of suitable thickness and a brass plate slightly smaller in diameter, which is screwed to the top of the block. Holes for the drills are bored in circular rows, the holes being staggered in each row so that they do not line up across the top of the plate. A center hole in the block is fitted tightly with a piece of tubing to serve as a bearing for the pivot, which is a bolt or stud extended downward through the bracket with a coil spring on the lower end, a spacer washer between the two arms of the bracket, and a washer under the block to serve as a bearing. The cover consists of a short piece of tubing of a diameter to slip snugly over the brass plate on the body and a wood disk in the top. The edge of the disk is recessed on the underside to fit into the tubing, where it is held with wood screws as indicated in the drawing.

Occasional Wood-Turning Job Done Quickly on Drill Press



Floor-type drill press used as a wood-turning lathe by placing it horizontally on bench and clamping it with bolts and blocks

Emergency Play Pen for Baby Improvised from Table

When a play pen is needed for a baby and none is at hand, just take a kitchen or other small table, turn it upside down and stretch cloth around the outside of the legs as indicated. A bed sheet folded to make it narrow will do the trick. An old comforter can be placed in the bottom of the unturned table to pad it.

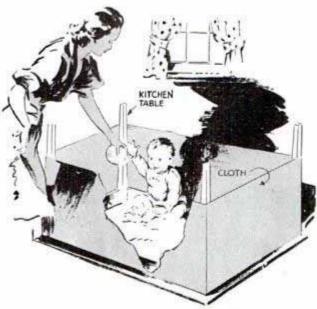
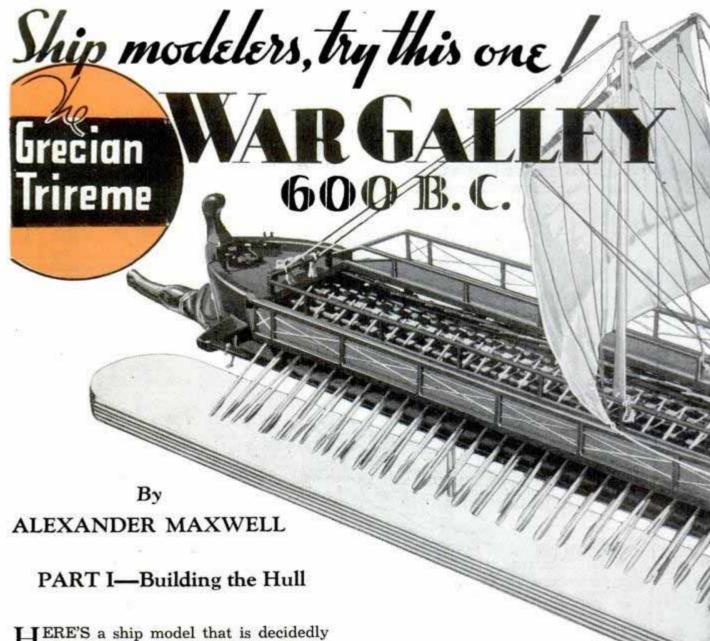


Table turned upside down with cloth stretched around legs provides emergency play pen

In the absence of a wood-turning lathe, a drill press can be used as a substitute to turn out an occasional job. The drill press is placed horizontally on a bench or table and is clamped in place with bolts and blocks as indicated, the drill spindles serving as a headstock and the table, which is fitted with an adjustable center made from a bolt, serves as a tailstock. The tailstock center is a pointed bolt, which is threaded its entire length and fitted in the hole in the table with two nuts and lock washers as indicated. The tool-rest support consists of a four-way pipe fitting large enough to slide over the drill-press standard and a nipple assembled as shown in the lower right-hand detail. The lower end of the fitting is split and fitted with a bolt to clamp it around the standard as indicated. —A. M. Dremin, Toronto, Ont., Can.

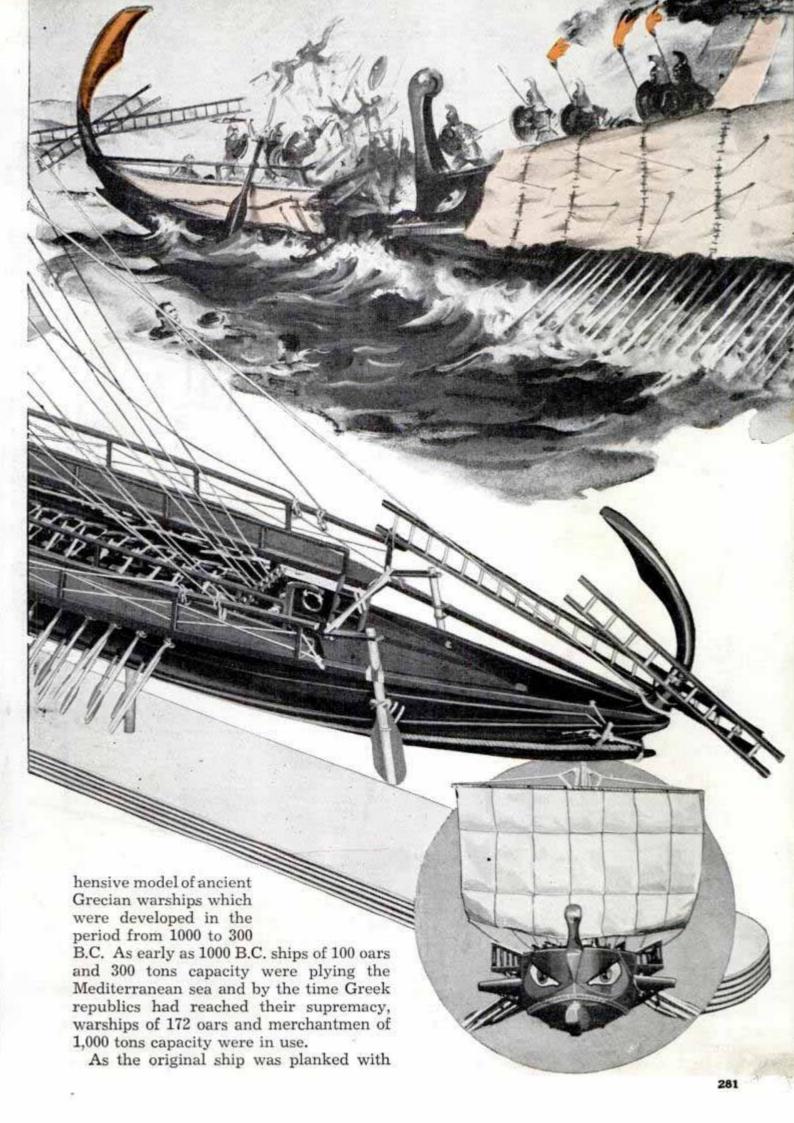
Whitewashing Furnace Pipe to Prevent Rusting

It is claimed that the inside surface of a new smoke pipe can be prevented from rusting by giving it a coat of whitewash. The lime in the whitewash neutralizes the acid in the soot, which causes rusting of the pipes.—J. Milota, Cleveland, Ohio.



HERE'S a ship model that is decidedly unusual-a Grecian trireme dating back to ancient times. Note the bronze ram projecting from the bow, which was driven into the hull of an adversary at a speed of fifteen to eighteen miles per hour, 172 crack oarsmen furnishing the motive power, the oars biting into the water in perfect synchronism with the beating of the gong. Unlike later Roman galleys in which slaves were employed as oarsmen, the Grecian ships had crews of highly paid professional oarsmen. The oars were arranged in three banks; hence the name trireme as distinguished from bireme, a ship having two banks of oars. A sturdy cathead on either side of the bow was designed to brush against the adversary's ships and break off whole banks of oars. The cruel eyes were of inlaid marble. A small sail could be raised or lowered in-

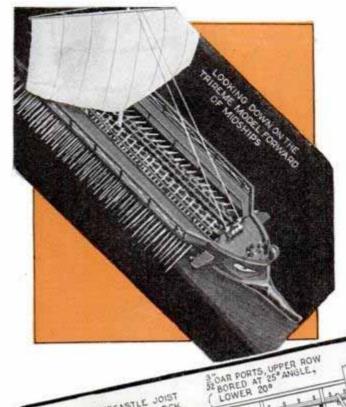
stantly when needed. Two rudders were found better insurance than one, and two ladders were provided, these being lashed onto the stern as shown, one for scaling cliffs along the shore and the other for disembarking on beaches. Many ships of the same type formed the large navy and all replaceable parts were standardized like auto parts today, so that they could be ordered by letter from the shippards. To my knowledge, this is the only fully equipped model of a Grecian trireme in existence. Information on constructing it as accurately as possible was gathered over a period of ten years. A Grecian bireme was built by Fred Lippold and is now on exhibition in the Deutches Museum at Munich. I selected a trireme as a still more compre-



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HALF SECTION OF HULL

KEEL PLATE



FILLER & BLOCK

been installed. Sand the hull till the plane marks are removed, and when all templates register, finish with No. 000 garnet paper. The interior of the hull is hollowed, Fig. 1, leaving only a shell 1/4 in. thick at the gunwale and 1/2 in. at the keel. Although the latter dimension is not critical, it's well to keep it fairly close, as later on the structure which supports the rowers' benches is fitted inside the hollowed section. The thickness at the gunwale should be kept uniform. This stem and stern will be decked over, so they may be left solid. Tie a string around an auger bit for a

THOLE PINS FOR UPPER I

UPPER BANK

CATHEAD & BRACES

LOOKING DOWN FROM TOP

CATHEAD & BRACE 20°DROP ON BRACE

HULL CUT FROM SOLID BLOCK 134" X4" X36" WHITE PINE

UPPER PORT TOWN FROM GUNWAL

FALSE KEEL

STATION LINES

(BIRCH)

MIDDLE BANK POOP JOIST

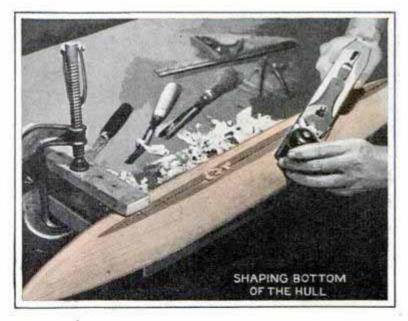
fir, you start the model hull with a 36-in. length of 2 by 6-in. fir dressed down to 1¾ by 4 in. Take pains to select a piece that is straight grained and of a uniform color, without checks or knots. All of the hull fittings, wales, stem and stern post, oars, rowing benches and the supporting structure, are hardwood. Lay out the station lines, 1 to 14, Figs. 2 and 3, on the hull block and saw the latter to size. With plane, gouge and a sharp knife, dress to shape. It's important to keep a close check with the templates even when the hull block is in the rough stage of shaping. One has to be especially careful with the gouge and chisel, for if either of these tools happens to lift a chip too deep you will have an unsightly depression which is difficult to patch, particularly on the straight section of the hull between stations 9 and 10. The block may be held steady by an improvised vise made of a C-clamp and two blocks. Rough the bow and ram to approximate dimension. They will not be carved to final shape until after the forecastle has

depth gauge and bore the waste stock full of holes as in Fig. 4. Of course, the holes will vary in depth, those at the center being deeper to remove as much waste as possible. When this is done, it is a simple matter to lift away the waste with a gouge, Fig. 8.

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The two lower oar banks pass through port holes drilled in the hull, Fig. 2. Start the middle bank 1/4 in. down from the gunwale and 8 in. back from the tip of the ram. Bore 3/2-in. holes, 5/8 in. apart at an angle POST

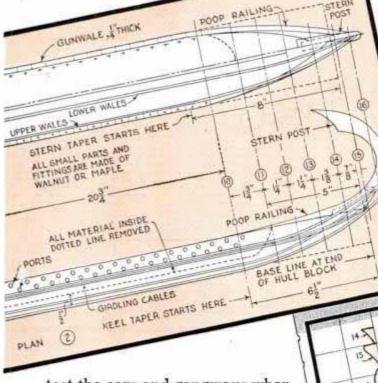
of 25 degrees. There are 29 holes on each side in the top row, and 27 in the lower row. The lower bank is staggered, and the holes bored at an angle of 20 degrees. Of course, it's necessary that these holes be spaced equally and what is even more important, the angle of the holes must be kept uniform. otherwise the oar bank will be uneven when the individual oars are placed in position. The stempost and sternpost are next carved to shape and glued in place, Figs. 5, 6 and 9. Use airplane cement for all joints. The huge cathead comes next. In the prototype it was a massive timber used to pro-



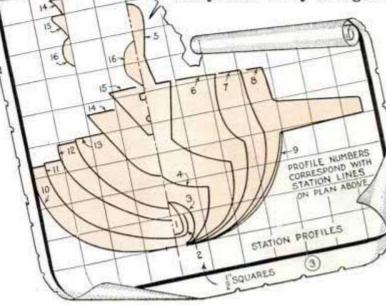
keel is broad and flat and curves up like a sled runner at the stern. Glue the straight section in place and hold with pins until dry. Don't bend the curved portion until the straight section has set. The end projects to form a horn which holds the girdling cables and the stern anchor. Two of the cathead braces go inside, the others are fitted to the hull, Figs. 6, 12 and 13. Install the outside braces first, and carve to shape when dry.

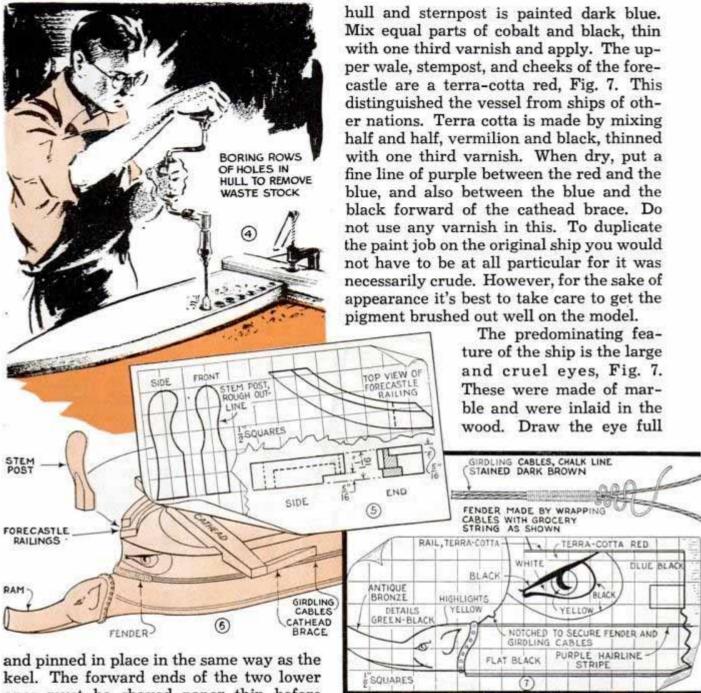
There is considerable flair at the stern, so allow plenty of waste stock on the stern rails, Fig. 11. Glue in place with the sternpost, Fig. 10, and carve to shape when dry. The four

> wales act as fenders and skids and help to absorb stresses when ramming or bucking a heavy sea. They are glued



tect the oars and gangways when ramming, and also as a horn to tear away the upper works of an enemy or splinter his oars. Fit the cathead into the hull slot and shape the forecastle rails to fit between it and the stempost, Figs. 5 and 6. Glue the rails in place when roughed out. When dry, the entire bow structure is carved to shape, and at the same time the ram is fashioned into a boar's head. When not in use the ship was always drawn up on the beach, stern first. Hence, the false





ones must be shaved paper thin before they will bend up against the ram.

Oil paint as we know it, had not yet been invented when this ship sailed. Instead the builders used a mixture of tar, tallow and beeswax in which was mixed a crude earth pigment. This was melted and spread on the planking smoking hot. Homer states that the tallow of a thousand oxen was used to coat a single vessel. However, the original paint job can be duplicated nicely in miniature by using tube pigment mixed with flat varnish. The former is the solid coloring painters use for tinting white paint or enamel. The hull below the upper wale is black. Mix two parts black pigment with one part varnish and apply with a watercolor brush. The remainder of the

size on a piece of paper, pin in place and trace the outline with a hard pencil. This will dent the red paint enough to give an outline. Reverse and do the same to the other side. Paint the pupil black, the iris yellow and the eyeball white. Outline with black and make the brow heavy and scowling. Apply the paint directly from the tubes.

The ram is gilded with antique bronze powder mixed in varnish. The original was a rough, bronze casting, so detail the features with green-black and touch the high spots with bright yellow. Do not make any lines too distinct. The neck of the ram was hollow, and was spiked to a

protruding timber in the stem. Indicate this ring of spikes with yellow dots. Finally add the girdling cables, made as in Figs. 7 and 14, and you have the hull finished ready for the fittings.

Now, to re-emphasize certain points in the procedure: In going through these first steps in the construction you'll notice that much depends on hand work, that



STERN POST UD FALSE KEEL WALES, TO SQUARE, RAILING STATIONS (STERN POST UPPER SQUARES STERN POST SQUARES TOP OUTER EDGE OF HULL MAKE RIGHT AND LEFT ROUGH BLANKS AND GLUE TO HULL BEFORE SHAPING SHAPED TO FIT HULL SIDE LINE MARKED"X "SHAPED TO CONTOUR OF STERN POST BEFORE GLUING 20° VER. CATHEAD A & B-CATHEAD BRACES REAR TAPER (1/4" SQ.) (12) TOP END

SIDE

practically all parts are made and fitted in this way. Hence, the builders' capacity for taking pains with details will mean everything in the appearance of the finished work. The hull, you will see, is really a very simple job but the contours fore and aft must be watched closely when you get the curves down near the finished size. Also, the dimensions on many of the parts fitted to the hull are only approximations, which means

that these parts must be fitted individually and largely by the "cut and try" method. The nature of the work makes this necessary. Of course, sharp tools are essential in producing a crisp, clean-cut job. While the whole thing fully assembled, with the rowers' benches, oars and rigging all in place, looks as complicated as ship models of a much later date, the fact that the greater part of the fittings are duplicates simplifies matters greatly. For example, there are 172 oars to be made but these are all of the same construction, the only variation being in the length. The rowers' benches are all exactly the same size and the frame supporting the benches consists of a number of strips resting on vertical members.

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Lamp Held Above Workbench by Sheet-Metal Bracket



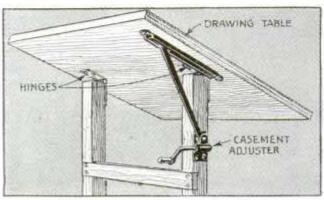
Wall bracket to support drop lamp holds the latter in any desired position above the workbench

Here is an adjustable bracket that holds a drop light over my workbench in various positions to illuminate a jig saw, lathe or drill press. It consists of a piece of heavy sheet metal cut and bent as indicated, and a length of stout wire which has a spiral loop at the outer end so that the lampcord may be inserted or removed instantly. By swinging the arm to the desired position and allowing it to rest in a notch of the bracket, the lamp is held securely.

—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

Top of Drawing Table Is Tilted by Casement-Window Adjuster

I can tilt the top of my drawing table by merely turning the small crank of a casement-window adjuster on one of the standards, which is much easier than



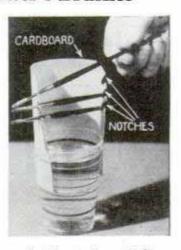
This method of tilting your drawing table is much easier than fussing with wing nuts

stooping to loosen a couple of wing nuts usually provided on drawing tables to permit tilting of the top. The drawing shows how to mount the adjuster.

-Jack Elms, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Notched Cardboard Forms Holder for Card Writer's Brushes

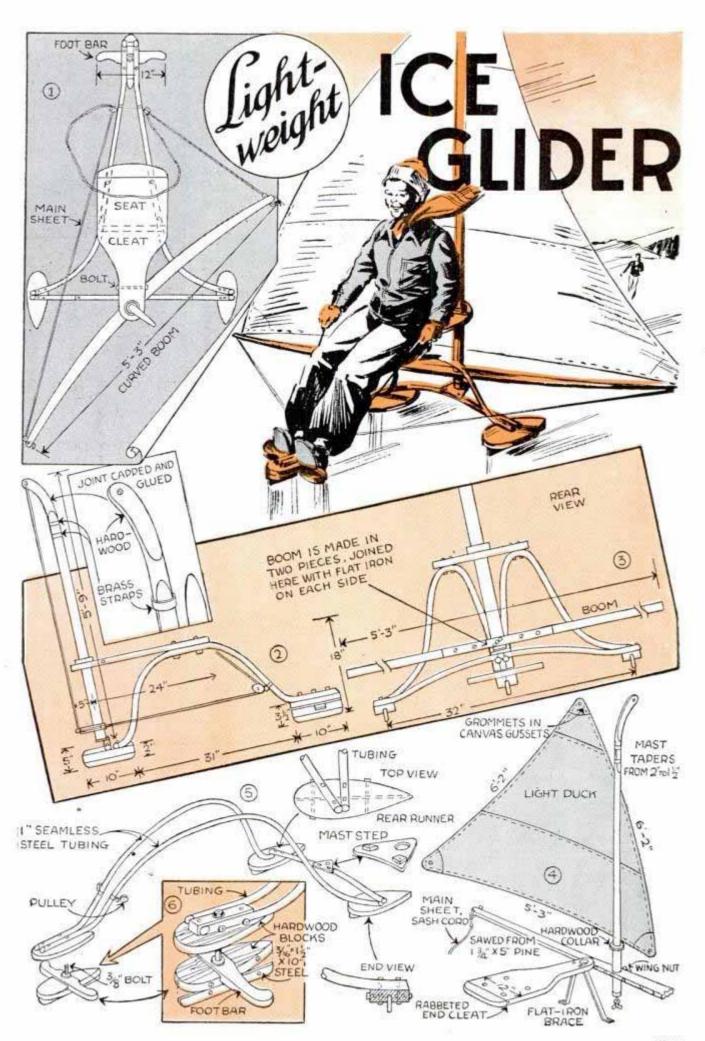
Showcard writers who dislike to lay their brushes into a drawer or cabinet, where the tips may come in contact with other objects, can protect and keep the brushes at hand by using this holder. It is nothing more than a piece of



cardboard notched as indicated and fastened to a glass with a rubber band.

Building the Ice Glider

Sturdy, yet light in weight, the midget iceboat pictured on the opposite page has a frame of seamless steel tubing, assembled without welding. The seat gives the pilot full vision ahead and he can step off instantly in case of an emergency. As the sail is mounted low, with corresponding low center of effort, any tendency to capsize is minimized. The two main frame members are bent around a curved wooden form, or simply a curved block. By heating a short section at a time with a blowtorch, bending can be done gradually. Runners are of steel plate, sharpened to an inverted V-shape on the bottom and mounted in wooden blocks, which in turn are bolted to the frame members. A curved boom and mast-peak holds the sail out sufficiently to permit it to belly without coming into contact with the rigging, thus presenting a smooth surface to the wind. The mast swings with the boom, and by hauling on one or the other main sheet the sail can be set to catch the wind from several angles. It can be furled by unhooking the grommets at the boom ends and wrapping around the mast. The mast and boom are quickly dismantled by removing a couple wing nuts.



Camera Supported on Book End for Time Exposure



Stamped-metal book end supports miniature camera steady for copying or taking portraits

Owners of miniature cameras who have difficulty in holding them steady for making portraits, or for copying work, can improvise a support for the purpose from a stamped-metal book end. The camera is inserted into the central opening of the book end, after which a rubber band is used to hold the assembly together. The book end is especially convenient in copying where, facing the object, the camera must stand upright on a plane surface.

-Lytt I. Gardner, Reidsville, N. C.

Floor Scraper on Scrub Brush Made from Old Razor



In cleaning the floors of milk houses and similar buildings, it is a good idea to have a scraper on the scrub brush to remove packed spots of dirt and other foreign matter

from the floor. Such a scraper is easily obtained by removing the guard from an old safety razor and screwing it to the brush as indicated. It has been found the teeth of the guard give a better cutting ac-

tion for this purpose than a sharp-edged cutter, often improvised from a heavy piece of sheet metal.

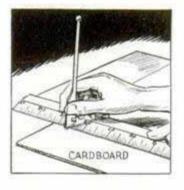
Funnel in Electric Element to Heat Water

For heating small quantities of water quickly in a home workshop, screwalamp socket to a board to take the cone-type heating element. A small funnel, corked at the end of the spout and fitted with a



spring-type clothespin for a handle, serves as a receptacle in which to heat the water.

Glass Cutter Scores Cardboard



When a knife is used to score card-board, in the construction of boxes or decorations, care must be exercised that the cutting is not too deep or the card-board will break when it is folded

along the scored line. If a glass cutter is employed for this work, the scored mark may be made heavy enough for easy bending of the cardboard without breaking it.

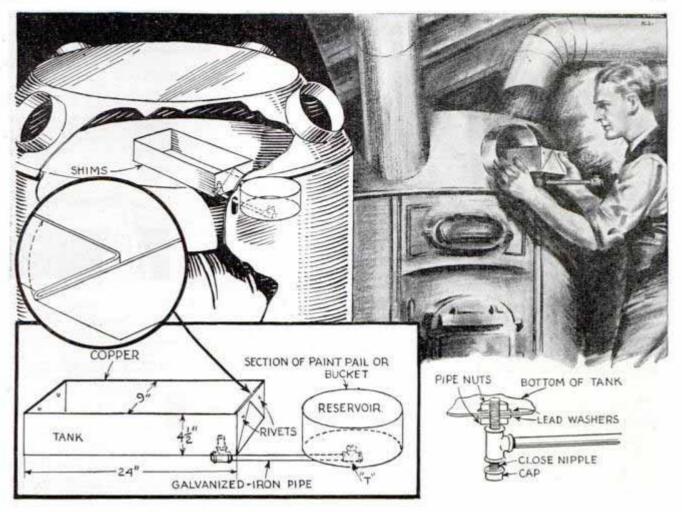
Removing Corrugated Roofing

On a job of removing some metal corrugated roofing the work was done without undue damage to the material by using this tool to pull the nails. It is made from a short length of angle



iron, one end of which is rounded and slotted as indicated in the detail so that it can be slipped astraddle the nail to pry it out.

Furnace Humidifier Tilts Down When Dry

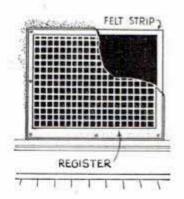


This humidifier is simply a shallow copper tank placed on the radiator dome of the furnace and connected through the casing with a 1/2-in, galvanized-iron pipe to an outside reservoir. The latter can be approximately the same depth as the tank but should be about 1/2 in. lower to prevent overflow and also give ballast to tip the inner tank when dry, indicating that the supply of water needs to be replenished. You can make the tank to the dimensions indicated, from a copper sheet 18 by 33 in. As soft solder will not hold, the corners of the tank must be folded and riveted in the manner shown. Holes are drilled in the bottom of the tank and the reservoir for pipe nipples which are held in place with two pipe nuts turned down on lead washers. You can place the pipe tees in either of the two ways shown. Locate the tank over the hottest portion of the furnace dome and then drill and file a slot in the outer casing for the pipe connecting the tank and the reservoir.

-Harry A. Kotz, Syracuse, N. Y.

Felt Strips Seal Hot-Air Register Preventing Smudged Walls

Soot and dust deposits on the wall around a hot-air register can be avoided



by providing a good seal between the register and the wall to prevent escape of hot air. This can be done with felt strips of the type used for weatherstripping. Remove the register, put the strips in place on the

wall, using a few drops of shellac to hold them in position while replacing the register.—L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.

(If sheets of wax paper stick together when stored in a warm room, chill them in a refrigerator a few minutes and they can be separated easily.

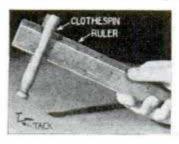
Workman's Apron Held by Strap Can Be Removed Quickly



Workman's apron held by arrow-pointed strap is quickly put on or taken off

Workmen who are obliged to put on or remove an apron frequently, will find that a narrow leather strap, with the ends pointed like an arrow, will permit the apron to be removed in a jiffy. The strap is threaded through a wide hem in the top of the apron so that the projecting ends may be slipped through the belt loops of the trousers.

Tack Hammer Easily Improvised from Clothespin and Ruler



When a regular hammer isn't available to drive a small brad or tack, but you do have a ruler and clothespin at hand, it's no trick at all

to improvise a tack hammer that will serve the purpose. Just push the clothespin over the ruler near one end, as indicated.

Cleaning Windows and Mirrors

Windows, mirrors and other glass surfaces may be cleaned thoroughly with a compound made by mixing precipitated chalk, 7 oz., and tripoli, 2 oz., into a strong soap solution. The latter is made by dissolving castile or other high-grade soap, 2 oz., in boiling water, 4 oz. After the soap has been dissolved completely add the

chalk and tripoli and stir until the mixture is smooth. This preparation is applied with a rag and the surplus removed after it has dried, leaving a high luster.

Dust Cloth Fastened to Wrist Saves Time

Instead of carrying a dust cloth in your hand and laying it down every time you want to move some article, why not fasten it to your wrist so that it is always at hand?



This can be done with a strong rubber band, as indicated in the drawing.

Wax Paper Protects Developer



When you must leave photo developer standing in a tray for some time, it can be kept from oxidizing by using waxed paper. Just cut the

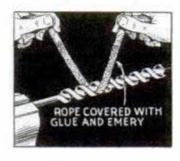
paper to size and lay it gently on the surface of the liquid. All air will be excluded, and the solution can be preserved for several days in this manner, which is much easier than pouring it back into a bottle after each developing job.

-Kenneth Murray, Sturgis, Mich.

Removing Rust from Auger Bits

Removing rust from the flutes of auger bits is accomplished easily by using a

length of small rope which is coated with glue or shellac and sprinkled with fine emery. The rope is pulled back and forth through the flute to produce a bright finish in a



short time. Different sizes of rope are used for bits of various diameters.

-W. C. Wilhite, Carlinville, Ill.

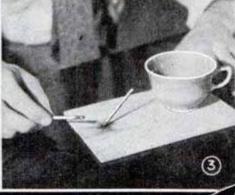
Simple PARTY TRICKS

THEN the spirit of the party seems to lag, and you're the host, just start things going again with a few simple tricks that can be performed with props available in any home, such as matches, coins, tumblers and paper.

There's the trick of the suspended egg, Fig. 1. Seemingly it defies natural laws by sinking halfway in a jar of water, and going no farther. The reason for this is that there are two liquids in the glass, one on top of the other, care having been taken to prevent them from being mixed. The lower liquid is saturated salt water or brine on which the egg will



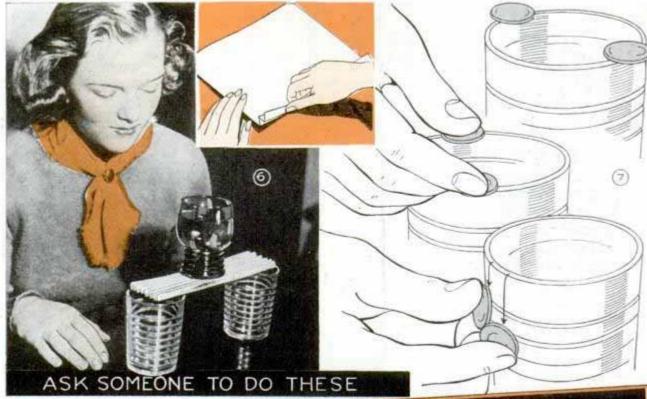






PUZZLING MATCH TRICKS

float (rock salt is used as it does not leave the water milky). The upper liquid is ordinary water in which the egg will sink. After the salt water has been poured into the jar, a paper disk is placed on its surface and the water is added carefully with a spoon or siphon. Then the disk is removed, and the trick may be performed. You announce to the guests that you will cause the egg to submerge in this liquid and that it will come to rest about half way down the jar. Someone is very likely to take issue with you, but when you drop the egg in the jar that is just what happens.



Then, a couple of match tricks: The first one involves causing a match to stand unsupported on a piece of wood. Lean the match against a cup, head down on a piece of scrap wood, as shown in Fig. 2. Ignite the head and then blow out the flame quickly. The head will "fuse" to the board sufficiently to hold it in place as in Fig. 3. In the second trick, Fig. 4, you split a match in half and ask someone to drop it in such a way that it will remain on edge. Of course, there's only one way to do it and that involves breaking the match at the center to form a vee.

Another trick, which is simply an illusion, is shown in Fig. 5. It looks as if the knife is glued to the palm of the hand, but the guests don't see the index finger of the right hand, which holds the knife. To all appearances the right hand is grasping the left wrist, and one doesn't pause to count the number of fingers visible.

Now, ask someone to lay a piece of writing paper across a couple of glass tumblers to support a third one partly filled with water, which, of course, seems impossible at first thought. The secret is to pleat the paper by folding it as in Fig. 6 and it will sustain considerable weight before buckling.

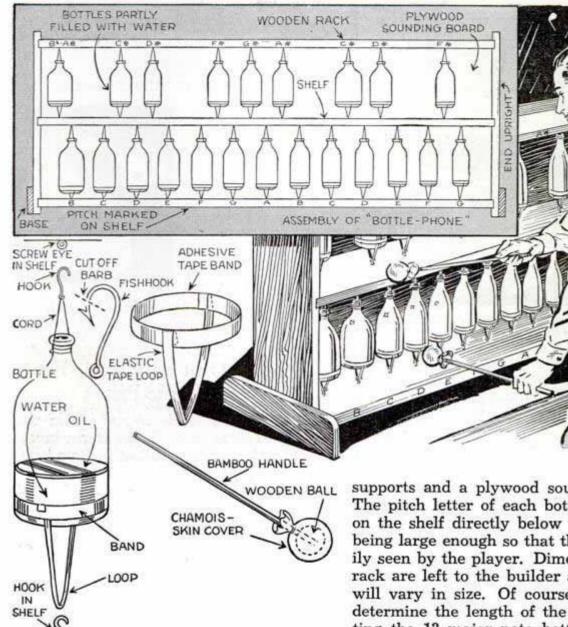
The upper detail of Fig. 7 shows two coins balanced on the edge of a tumbler opposite each other. The idea is to remove



both coins at the same time, using only one hand. This is very simple once you know how. Just slide the coins toward each other by placing your thumb and finger over them as in the center detail, and then bring both over the edge and together as indicated by the arrows in the third detail.

For another coin trick, support a tumbler of water on two nickels under the base, with a penny placed midway between them. Ask someone to remove the penny without touching the glass or nickels. The penny can't be blown out. To do the trick, the setup is arranged squarely with the weave of the tablecloth. Then by repeatedly scratching the cloth with your fingernail as in Fig. 8, the penny will be coaxed out from under the glass.

"Bottle-Phone" a Novel Musical Instrument



With this instrument you're "all set" to contribute your share of entertainment at the next party. You will need 22 bottles of varying size to get a range of notes from B-flat below middle C to G above high C with the intervening half tones. Each bottle is suspended on a string and the pitch is checked with a pitch pipe or a properly tuned piano, adding water as necessary. Bottles should be selected which will come to the required pitch when only about a third filled with water. As each one is tuned, mark its pitch on the glass and set it aside. The rest of the details are more or less self-explanatory. The bottles are suspended individually in a resonating rack consisting of three shelves with end

supports and a plywood sounding board. The pitch letter of each bottle is marked on the shelf directly below it, the letters being large enough so that they are readily seen by the player. Dimensions of the rack are left to the builder as the bottles will vary in size. Of course, it's easy to determine the length of the rack by setting the 13 major-note bottles in a row about 2 in. apart.

—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Mass.

Bending Plywood Easily

If you have had difficulty in bending plywood, try the following method: First wet both sides of the wood and then go over it with a hot smoothing iron, preferably an electric one, which is hot enough to convert the moisture to steam. Go over each side of the board twice in this manner. Then, as the wood is being bent, apply the hot iron to the wet surface as the arc is formed. I have bent 1/4-in. fir plywood around a 4-in. radius without cracking by this method.

-W. N. Briggs, Pittsfield, Mass.

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Circle-Cutting Jig on Scroll Saw Is Quickly Detached



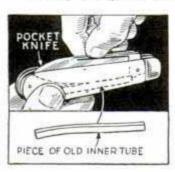
It's easy to saw disks on a jigsaw with this attachment to guide your work

In this circle-cutting attachment on a scroll saw, which has the good feature of being quickly attached and detached, a U-shaped arm of fairly heavy flat iron is clamped to the head of the saw, extending over the table. A threaded, pointed center on which the work swings, is made from the iron rod. This can be slid along the arm and tightened firmly at any point so that adjustment is obtained for radius and also for the thickness of the stock.

Neon Glow Lamp for Night Light

A neon glow lamp of ½ c.p., 2-watt size with a standard base, is an excellent night light for a home. If left on when the family retire, it gives a red glow sufficient for anyone to see the furniture and floor of a room, and at the same time, there is not the glare of a white light that might normally disturb one sleeping in the room.

Easy Repair for Pocketknife



If the spring in your favorite pocketknife has become so weakened it allows the blade to drop down into the handle so that it is hard to open, it can be repaired quite easily with a strip of rubber. This is cut to fit into the knife, as indicated by the dotted lines, where the edge of the blade rests against it and keeps the latter from dropping too far into the handle.

Key Used as String Cutter

If you carry keys, it's a simple matter to convert one of them to a string cutter without damaging it for its regular purpose. This is done by filing out one side of a hole in the head of a key,



after which the inner edges of the hole are beveled to form a sharp cutting surface.

Heating Unit on Electric Fan Dries Photo Prints

Glossy prints on ferrotype plates will dry in a few minutes in the warm breeze from an electric fan equipped with a heating unit. A porcelain socket, into which the unit is screwed, is attached to the cen-

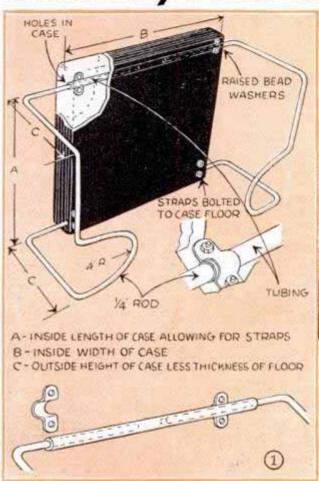


Electric heating unit attached to guard of electric fan heats air to dry photo prints quickly

ter of the fan guard as indicated in the photo. The unit can be unscrewed from the socket when the fan is used for other purposes.—Kenneth Murray, Sturgis, Mich.

TYPE on CUSHIONS

with this portable typewriter stand



Takes the weight off your knees and supports the machine at just the right height for easy typing no matter what seat you select

By JACK MODROCH

OWNERS of portable typewriters who usually do their typing with the case resting on their knees, will find a great convenience in store for them if they spend a few hours time in fitting the case with a pair of legs as shown in Fig. 1. By doing this a simple stand is formed which raises the machine to the correct typing level above the knees and relieves them from



When the case is carried, the position of the supports is reversed to fit snugly against the sides

carrying the weight. Such a stand is handy to use whether the typing is done in a favorite easy chair or on a davenport as in Fig. 2; whether it is done while traveling in a railway coach or in an auto as in Fig. 4. When the typewriter is not in use, the legs, which are detachable as shown in Fig. 5, are pulled out of their sockets and, after the lid has been attached, they are



re-inserted into the sockets in a reversed position so that they fit snugly against the case as shown in Fig. 3. To prevent them from possibly slipping out of place and being lost, a small strap or rubber band is placed over the looped sections.

Now for the constructional details: All the material required is some ¼-in. iron rod, some brass or steel tubing which should be a sliding fit on the rod, and some sheet metal suitable for forming miniature "pipe straps" to fit over the tubing. From Fig. 1 you will see that the exact dimensions of the supports depend on the size of the case, the variable dimensions being in-

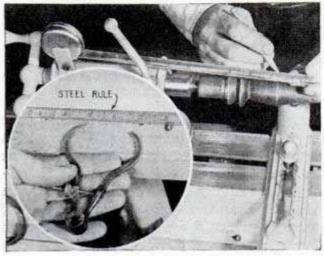


Note the neatness of the job—raised-bead washers under the exposed heads of the nickel screws add a decorative touch

dicated by distances A, B and C. While corresponding dimensions of the two supports should be identical, remember that the supports must be left and right—not duplicates. The

ends slip snugly into two lengths of tubing fastened to the inside of the case with the four pipe straps. Of course, before the pieces of tubing are installed, holes are bored through the side of the case to line up with the tubes. Each one of the pipe straps has two holes for attachment to the case, for which small nickel, oval-head machine screws are used. These screws, which are fitted with raised-bead washers, are pushed through both the case and the straps from the outside, and are then secured with nuts on the inside as indicated. This method of assembly adds a decided neatness to the job.

Steel Tape Measures on Lathe Save Time for the Operator

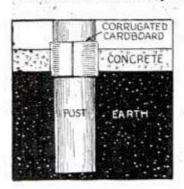


Steel tape measures mounted on woodworking lathe are always at hand when needed

To save time in setting calipers and making measurements on a woodworking lathe, steel tape measures will be found handy. For general measurements, one tape is extended the length of the bench and fastened by slipping one side under the lathe bed and fastening the other side with small wood screws and washers as shown. For making measurements along the length of the spindle, a tape can be mounted on the tailstock. A strip of metal is bent around the body of the tailstock and fastened with a small bolt, after which the case of the tape measure is soldered to this strip. The tape is never in the way, but may be pulled. into position instantly.

Setting Wood in Concrete

When concrete is poured around posts or timbers it is likely to crack unless some

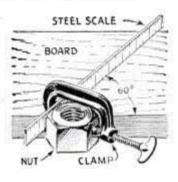


type of resilient joint is provided between the two materials. Such a joint can be made by wrapping corrugated cardboard around the posts or timber before pouring the concrete. The card-

board is removed, after the concrete sets, and tar or asphalt poured in the opening.

Simple Miter Gauge Improvised by Clamping Scale to Nut

On a job where a number of boards had to be sawed at an angle of 60°, and no miter box or steel square was at hand, I used a miter gauge improvised by clamping a steel

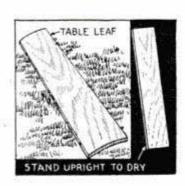


scale to a hexagon nut as shown. When one of the adjacent sides of the nut was laid against the edge of the work, the rule was used as a guide to mark off a 60° line across the surface of the board.

-W. C. Wilhite, Carlinville, Ill.

Straightening Table Leaves

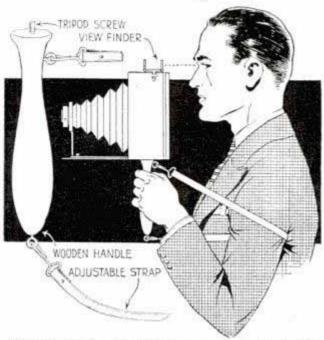
After trying to straighten the warped top and leaves of an antique drop-leaf table by means of a vise, various clamps and



heavy weights, the problem was solved by laying the leaf outside on wet grass with the warped side down. When the sun and wind struck the wood, the edges curled upward. As soon as the board

is straight, it should be set on end in a building to dry out the center slowly.

Camera Steadied on Arm Strap Instead of Using Tripod

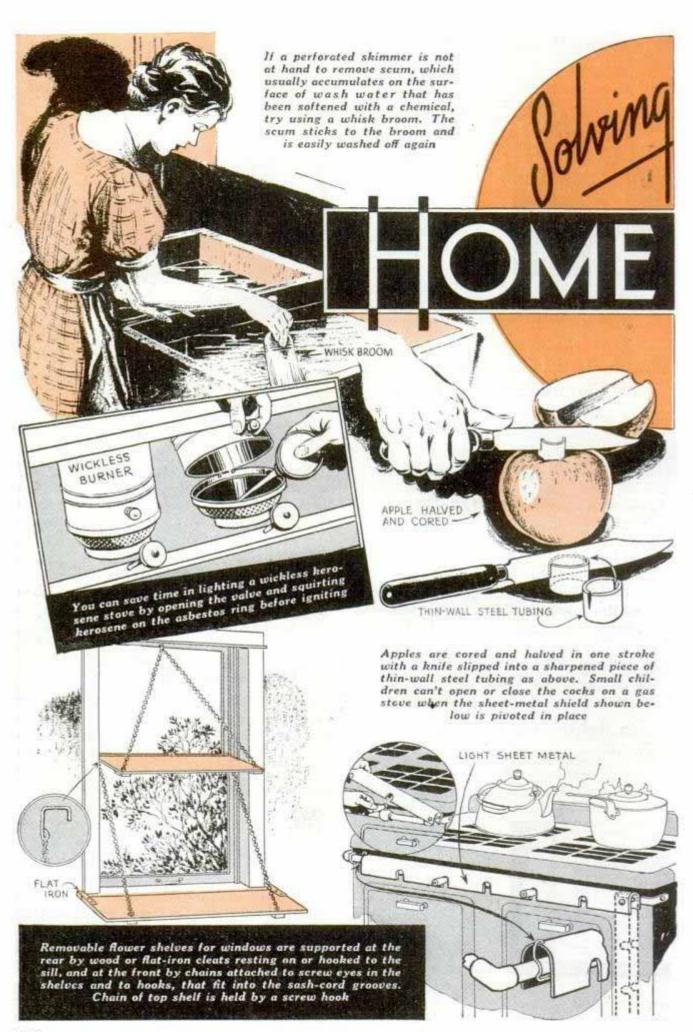


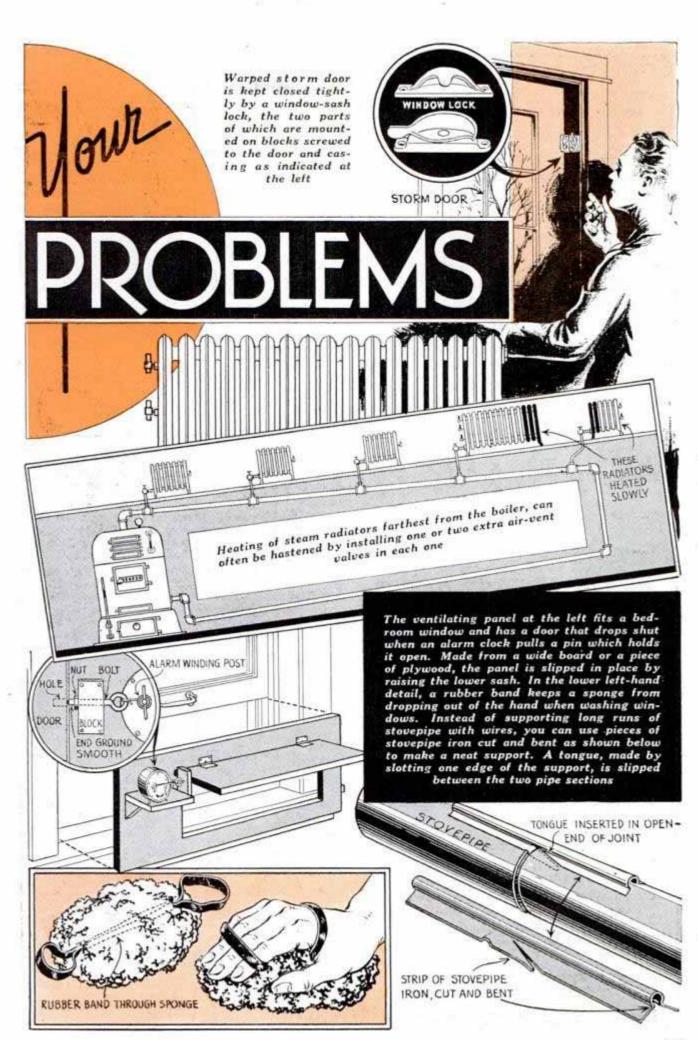
Slipped over the arm, the strap tends to steady the camera where a tripod cannot be used

Finding it almost impossible to support his camera on a tripod when taking pictures in a crowd, a Wisconsin photographer uses an arm strap and a handle to aid in holding the camera steady. The handle, which is turned from hardwood, is fitted with a tripod screw to take the camera and two screw eyes to take hooks attached to the ends of the strap. In use, the strap is slipped over the crooked arm as indicated.

Money for Your Ideas

Although the solution of many minor everyday problems around the home, in the workshop, concerning the car, or pertaining to your daily work, may seem rather insignificant to you, there are perhaps thousands of others who have the same problems. If your solution was unusual, but simple and practical, why not pass it along to others to help them? These pages are a "clearing house" for such ideas and if you have any new ones that are exceptionally outstanding, don't hesitate to tell us about them. We are always looking for such short cuts that will save time. work and money. And, of course, we will send a check in payment for anything that we use. Write to Shop Notes Editor, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago.





Rats Kept Out of Your Corncrib with Brake Drums on Posts



Corncribs built on wood or cement posts can be protected against entrance of rats and mice by placing auto brake drums over the tops of the posts as indicated. Drums of the largest size available should be used so that they will project well beyond the sides of the posts to keep the rodents from climbing over them.

Repairing Camera Bellows

Instead of trying to patch a camera bellows that has pin holes, coat the surface with a flexible, opaque varnish made by mixing asphaltum varnish and rubber cement in



equal amounts. You will find this method more serviceable than patching and it can be done in a jiffy.

Why Not Start a Home Workshop?



Cabinet Workbench-898

12-IN. BAND SAW—836: Smooth running and sturdy. Cuts 2-in. stock easily—25c.

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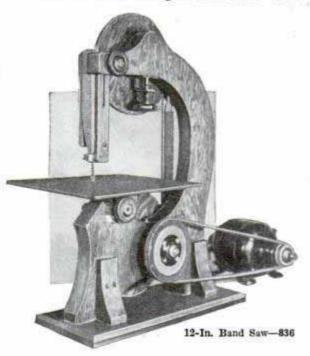
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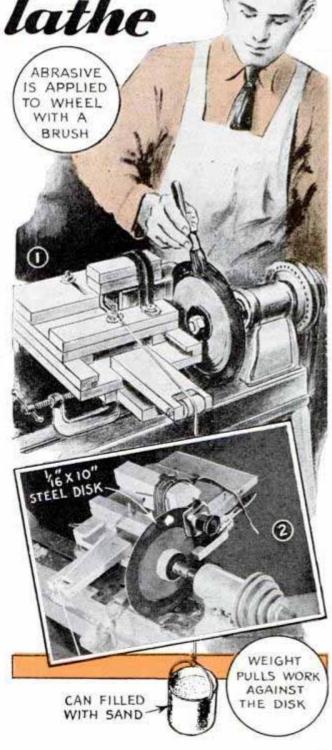
"SAWING" GLASS on your lathe

Counterweight maintains constant pressure of work against a steel disk "charged" with emery powder

By EDWIN M. LOVE

USED in combination with a lathe, this simple jig cuts glass tubing, rods, and bottles accurately to length. Not only square ends, but angles may be cut, or a tube can be split. A steel disk which is charged with emery powder and crankcase oil does the sawing, while the work is fed against it by a weight on a string as in Figs. 1 and 2. As this process is continuous, no further attention after starting is needed, except to apply a little more abrasive occasionally.

The body of the jig is in two sections. The lower part has a cleat underneath, near the front, to clasp the end of a sanding-disk table, and another placed lengthwise to clamp to the edge of the table as in Fig. 1. Slides of L-section are screwed to the top of the lower part and also to the bottom of the upper section to guide the upper part as it slides on the lower, Fig. 4. Two clamp strips attach to the top of the jig by means of a carriage bolt through each, so that they can be swiveled for angular cuts, and the wide front strip is slotted for adjusting, the bolt being shifted, as necessary, in the holes bored in the upper section. For most work the simplest clamp



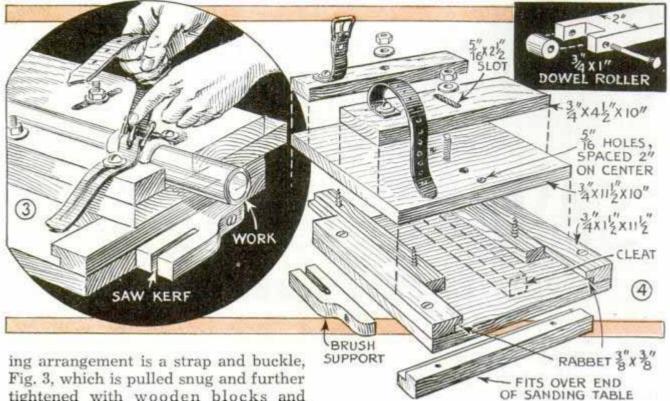


Fig. 3, which is pulled snug and further tightened with wooden blocks and wedges. Where lengthwise cuts are made in a piece of glass, it should be gripped in a wooden handscrew and clamped to the base at the desired angle.

To hang the weight string sufficiently far behind the machine to clear, an extension arm is made for the roller, and screwed to the lower section of the jig. The roller is a piece of dowel rod, grooved at the center, with pivot nails driven in the ends through small holes drilled in the sides of the notch.

Use a disk from 8 to 10 in. in diameter and about ½6 in. thick, and run the lathe at 200 r.p.m., or slower, applying a mixture of oil and emery powder of about No. 25 grit by means of a cheap paintbrush, which is afterward laid on a cleat at the side of the jig and alongside the wheel to keep the supply of abrasive replenished.

Warehouse Chute Has Wheel at Curve to Turn Cases

In a warehouse where a gravity chute for delivering cases and packages from the upper floors to the loading platform had to be constructed with a sharp curve in it, trouble of having the cases lodge at this point was eliminated with an old auto wheel and tire. The wheel was mounted in the position indicated. When the cases and packages came to the wheel, it rotated and turned them around the curve.

Covering Fresh Cement in Winter

If you have just put in a cement sidewalk and it is necessary to cover it to avoid freezing, be sure to use building paper rather than waterproof paper. Moisture condenses and collects under waterproof paper and may freeze fast to the work, but building paper absorbs moisture.

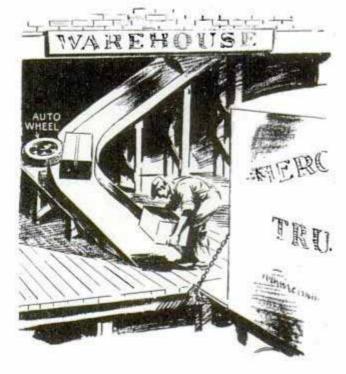
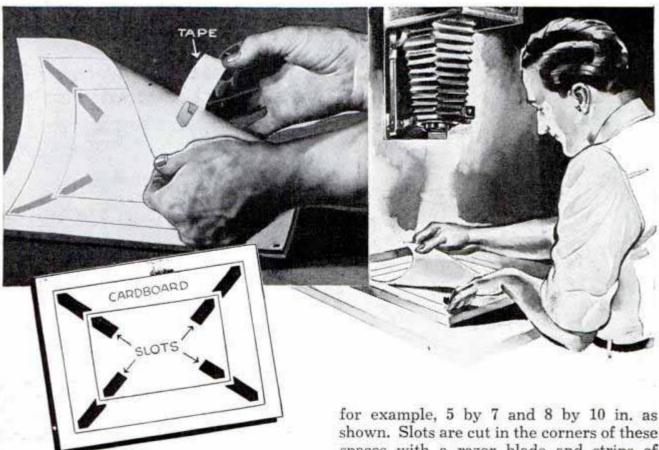


Photo Paper Sticks to This Enlarging Easel



This enlarging easel permits you to mount photo paper in position for printing and to remove it instantly without the bother of holding it flat under glass. It consists of a rectangular piece of thin cardboard or Bristol board on which the exact size of the enlarging paper is laid out with heavy lines. You can have two or more sizes indicated on the same board:

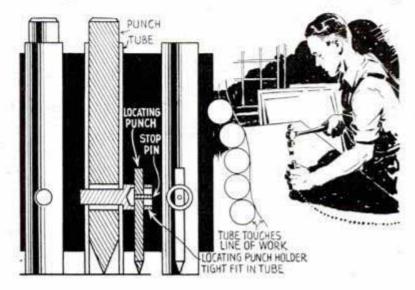
for example, 5 by 7 and 8 by 10 in. as shown. Slots are cut in the corners of these spaces with a razor blade and strips of tape are stuck to the under side over the openings. In use the easel is thumbtacked, taped side down, on a small drawing board. The enlarging paper is placed in position with the corners against the tape. After the exposure has been made, the paper is simply pulled off. A dozen or more papers can be exposed before the tape has to be renewed.

-Jacques H. Upshaw, College Park, Ga.

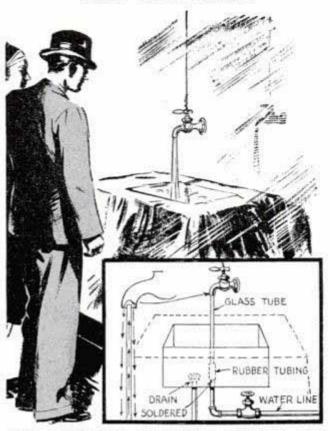
Prick Punch Has Guide to Space Layout Work Uniformly

When cutting heavy metal by drilling a number of holes side by side, I locate their positions accurately with this special punch. It consists of a prick punch, which slides inside a tube, and a locating punch or spacing guide assembled as indicated. Both the prick punch and the tube are drilled horizontally to take the spacing-guide holder, the hole in the punch being large enough to allow some movement. A stop pin in the guide keeps it from falling out.

-H. Moore, Hamilton, Ont., Can.



What Makes the Water Flow from This Faucet?



Unconnected faucet suspended in merchant's show window keeps pouring water into the pan below

This window display will keep the crowds wondering. Suspended in mid-air and apparently not connected to any water supply, an ordinary faucet keeps on pouring water into a sink or pan directly below it. While the thing looks mysterious, the simple secret is a glass tube that projects up through the sink or drain and extends into the end of the faucet. Under the sink, the tube is connected to the water supply by means of a length of rubber tubing. A shut-off cock controls the amount of water that flows up into the faucet and down again on the outside of the tube, which conceals it from the casual observer. Of course, a drain is provided in the sink or pan, and the joint where the tube passes through the pan must be sealed carefully with cement to prevent leakage.

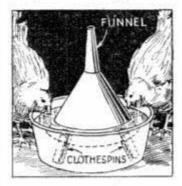
-Stephen Petrilak, Simpson, Pa.

Aluminum Castings Are Ground on Soap-Lubricated Wheel

Before grinding a piece of cast aluminum, apply a small amount of soap to the abrasive wheel, and it will not fill with the soft metal. Use a cake of hard laundry soap and hold it against the rotating wheel for a second. Do this about every 5 or 10 min. as the grinding work progresses.

Fowls Kept Out of Watering Pan by Funnel Set on Clothespins

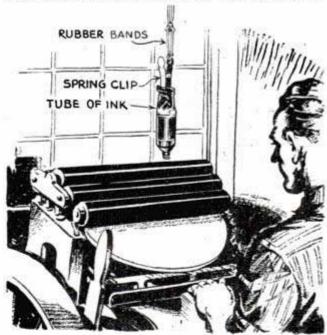
To keep poultry from soiling the drinking water in his open pans, one poultryman uses an inverted funnel set on clothespins as indicated. They are of the spring type and are adjusted to support



the funnel a couple of inches above the bottom of the pan.

Ink Tube Suspended Above Press Is Always at Hand

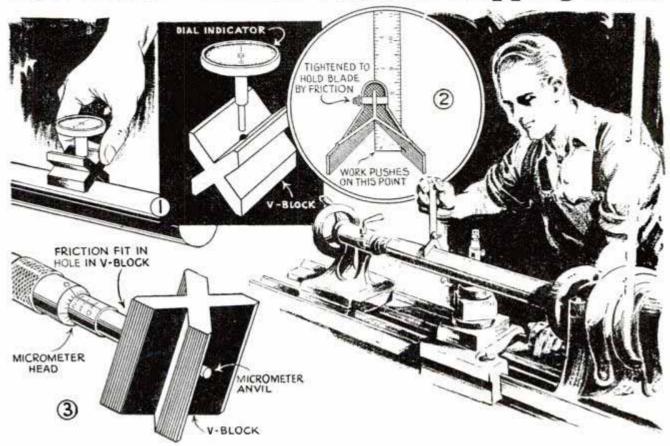
To avoid leaving his work whenever it was necessary to apply ink, one job-press operator suspended his tube of ink above the machine within easy reach. With this arrangement, it takes only a moment to



Ink tube suspended from ceiling above job press by rubber bands is always at hand for inking the plate

apply additional ink to the plate, as the rubber bands allow it to be pulled down, and the tube is not likely to be mislaid or carried away by other workmen.

Diameters Measured Without Stopping Lathe



Using adaptations of standard measuring tools, you can make quick accurate checks of duplicate round work without stopping the lathe. The basis of the three devices shown is the combining of a vee with a suitable measuring tool. The first one, Fig. 1, makes use of a dial indicator fitted in a hole drilled in an ordinary V-block. Here the plunger guide of the

indicator must be a friction fit in the hole. The same is true of the micrometer head in Fig. 3. In Fig. 2 the operator simply sets the scale on his center square with enough tension so that a slight downward pressure forces the scale upward to give a comparative reading. This arrangement gives sufficient accuracy for ordinary work and can be used on wood or metal.

Imitation Steaks Help Purchaser Judge Thickness of Meat

To assist his customers in determining the thickness of steaks they desire, a butcher keeps imitation steaks setting on his refrigerated showcase. Band-sawed from wood, they vary in thickness from ¼ to 2 in., and when painted red and white, they have a realistic appearance.

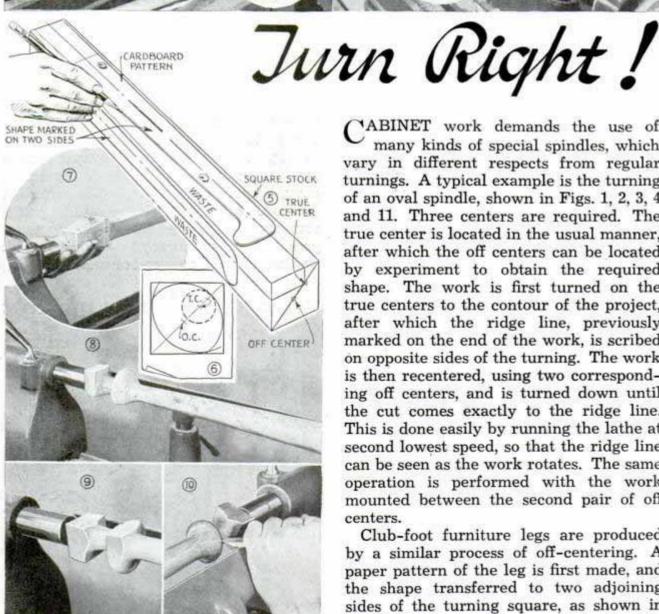
Sealing Wounds in Pruned Tree

Always coat the wounds of a pruned tree with pure asphaltum instead of house paint. Asphaltum not only protects the wood from insects but, unlike house paint, it is not affected by weather. Any break in the bark should also be coated.

-L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.

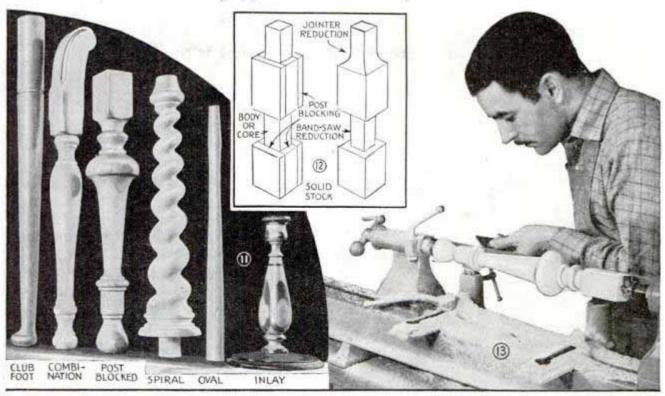






ABINET work demands the use of many kinds of special spindles, which vary in different respects from regular turnings. A typical example is the turning of an oval spindle, shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 11. Three centers are required. The true center is located in the usual manner, after which the off centers can be located by experiment to obtain the required shape. The work is first turned on the true centers to the contour of the project, after which the ridge line, previously marked on the end of the work, is scribed on opposite sides of the turning. The work is then recentered, using two corresponding off centers, and is turned down until the cut comes exactly to the ridge line. This is done easily by running the lathe at second lowest speed, so that the ridge line can be seen as the work rotates. The same operation is performed with the work mounted between the second pair of off centers.

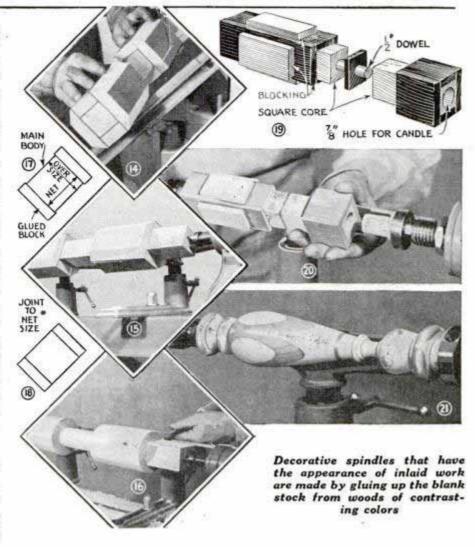
Club-foot furniture legs are produced by a similar process of off-centering. A paper pattern of the leg is first made, and the shape transferred to two adjoining sides of the turning square, as shown in Fig. 5. The true center is carried out to the

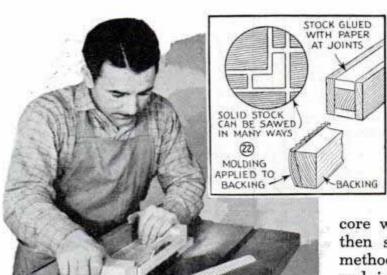


SPECIAL SPINDLES PART

end of the work. The off center is found by experimenting with a compass until the desired shape is obtained, as shown in Fig. 6. This end of the work goes to the tailstock; the opposite end, which is the driven end, has a true center only and is not offcentered. It can be seen in Fig. 7 a large part of the waste stock has been sawed away. Turning is then carried out the full length of the leg, including the toe portion, as in Figs. 8 and 9. If the work is now placed on the off center, the back of the toe can be finished, Fig. 10, after which the work is returned to the true center for sanding.

Some very attractive turnings have square sections which are smaller than the diameter of the largest round section. The





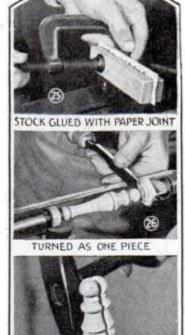
post-blocked leg in Fig. 11 is an example. Two methods of making these turnings are shown in Fig. 12. Solid stock can be used, the necessary square sections being reduced with a joint-

er or band saw. The second method is known as "post blocking," so called because the central square or post is blocked up to the required thickness. After the pieces have been glued on and the work allowed to dry, the edges are cut off on the band saw, Fig. 14. The work is then mounted in the lathe and turned to shape in the usual manner, as shown in Figs. 13, 15 and 16. The essential point in post blocking is good glue joints. The narrow pair of blocks are glued in place first, as shown in Fig. 17. After the glue has dried, the work is sanded or jointed flush and to net size, Fig. 18, and the second set of blocks is applied. Figs. 19, 20 and 21 show how an "inlaid" candlestick is prepared. Maple and walnut are used for contrast.

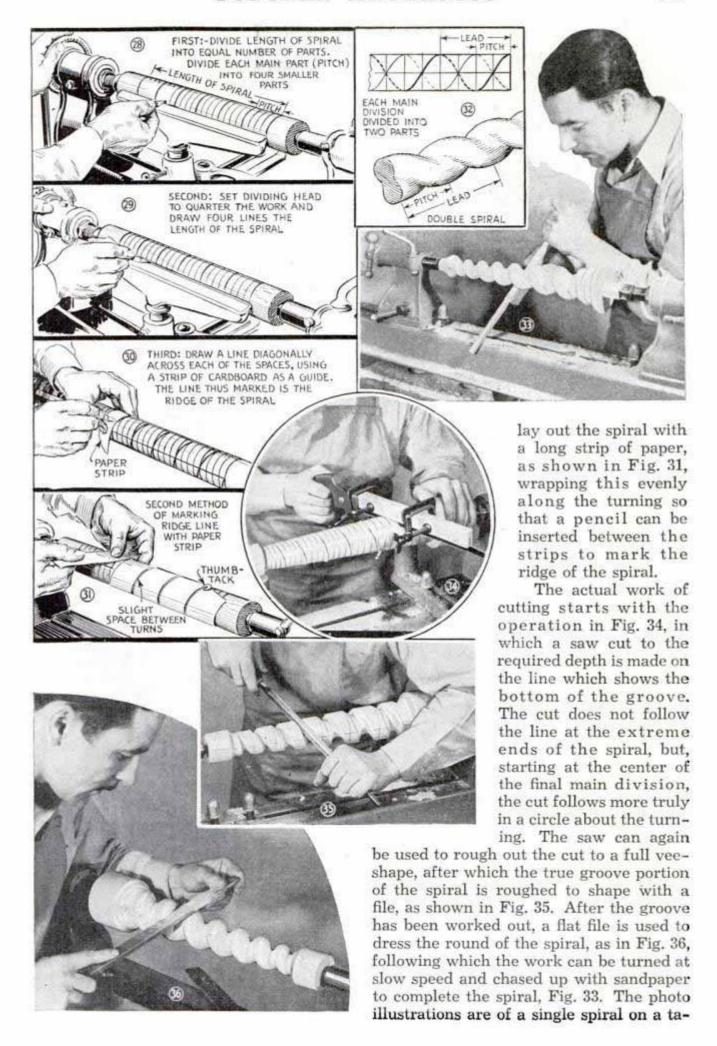
Not all turned spindles are left in the round. Many are split, quartered, and otherwise cut into lengthwise strips to form a wide variety of split turnings and ornamental moldings as in Fig. 24. Work of this kind can be done by two different methods. In the first method, the work is turned from solid stock, after which the required molded sections are cut off, as shown in Figs. 22 and 23. The upper right sketch in Fig. 22 shows the second method, the molded sections being glued to a wood

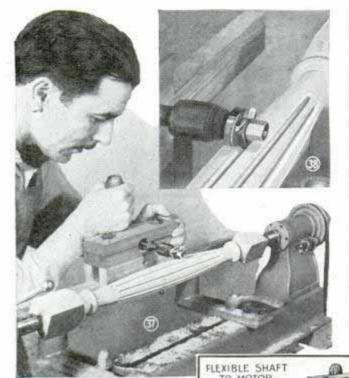
core with paper between the joints, and then split off after turning. The latter method is useful when working thin stock, and is preferable when two half-round turnings are required. The complete operation is shown in Figs. 25, 26 and 27.

> Spiral turnings involve the most work of all special lathe spindles. The most common type is the single spiral, where one thread or twist spirals its way along the length of the turning. In working a turning of this kind, the stock is first turned to cylindrical shape, and the limits of the spiral portion are laid off. The full length of the spiral is now divided into an equal number of spaces, each space being about the same width or a little less than the diameter of the turning. Each main division is again subdivided into four equal parts, as shown in Fig. 28. Next, the dividing head is set to quarter the stock, and four horizontal lines are drawn along the work, as in Fig. 29. The ridge of the spiral can then be penciled in by crossing each of the small spaces, as shown in Fig. 30. Other spiral lines can be added, preferably in colored pencil to avoid confusion, to show the bottom of the groove, and the limits of the true groove portion. Some workers prefer to



SPLIT APART WITH KNIFE





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pered shaft. This is similar to the straight single spiral except that the main divisions are graduated in width. A good rule to follow is to measure the taper at its largest diameter, then lav out this same distance to establish the second ring. Measure the diameter at the second ring and lay out this same distance to establish the third ring, and so on the full length of the spiral.

A second form of common spiral is the double spiral, in which two threads or twists wind along the

turning. In this layout, each main division is divided into two parts, as shown in Fig. 32. The ridges of the spiral are the same distance apart as before, but the distance each ridge travels in one complete revolution is twice as great as the pitch. The two spirals should start on opposite sides of the turning. As there are two spirals, it is necessary to make two saw cuts—in short, do double all the operations de-

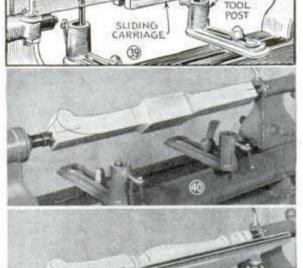
scribed for the single twist. Figs. 37 and 38 show how turned spindles can be fluted or reeded on the lathe. The setup makes use of a flexible shaft, which drives standard %6-in. hole shaper cutters. The manner of supporting and guiding the cutter along the work should be apparent from Fig. 39. The spacing of the various cuts is done with the standard lathe indexing head, while the depth of the cut is set by a suitable collar.

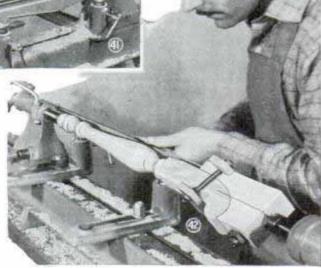
One other style of special spindle is worthy of mention. This is the combination leg, where one portion is turned to shape while the opposite end is band-sawed. Figs. 40 and 41 show how the combination leg is mounted in the lathe for turning, the upper portion being left partly

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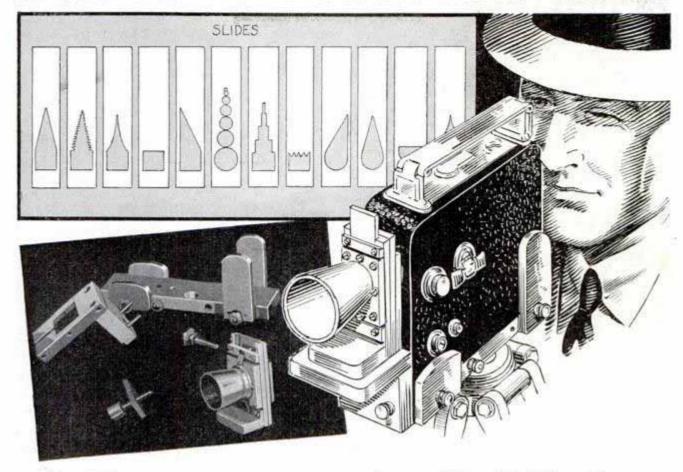
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unfinished in order to furnish wood for the lathe center. In some work it is necessary or more economical to cut the shaped portion first. In this case, a suitable jig is made up to fit the curved portion of the leg, and the leg is fastened to this block with some form of clamp, as in Fig. 42.





In-and-Out Fade Slides for Movie Cameras

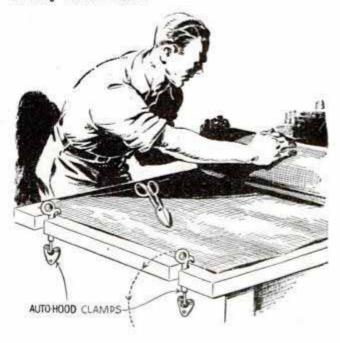


Although home movie cameras are not usually equipped to wind back the film for "lap and wipe dissolves," any amateur operator can create attractive effects with in-and-out fade slides. The fade, properly used, is an effective means of indicating to your audience a lapse of time, change of scene sequence or the tempo of the picture. As you will see from the samples shown, slides can be of almost endless variety. To handle them effectively and without loss of time when shooting a series of scenes, you need a holder like that pictured. This can be made of hardwood to such size that it will support the camera rigidly when the whole assembly is mounted on a tripod. The combination holder and sunshade must be made carefully so that the slides work smoothly. Although you can use cardboard or Bristol board for cutting slides, thin, black fiber is perhaps the best material. The slides shown are 7 in. long and 11/4 in. wide, but this size will vary with different makes of cameras.

(When the breaker points burn to a yellowish or whitish appearance it indicates condenser trouble.

Screen Wire Held by Clamps for Measuring and Cutting

To hold lengths of screen wire on a counter for unrolling and cutting, one dealer employs a pair of auto-hood clamps. They are attached to the end of the counter, notches of the required depth being cut so the clamps can be pulled up vertically when used.



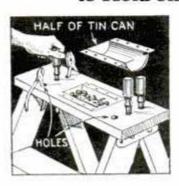
Brakes on Wheels of Hand Truck Work Automatically



Automatic brakes keep hand truck from rolling backward when stopped on incline

Accidents to workmen pushing heavily loaded hand trucks up inclined gangplanks, can be minimized if the trucks are equipped with simple automatic brakes of the kind shown. They consist of strips of stout fabric belting attached firmly to the underside of the truck frames behind the wheels so that the ends just clear the floor when the trucks are held at the usual working angle. If the load is too great, and the workman needs to rest, he can lower the handles and allow the wheels to roll back onto the belting as shown in the detail.

"Well" Set in Top of Stepladder to Hold Small Parts



Electric wiremen and others using a stepladder while installing fixtures and appliances will find a "well" in the top step a handy place to keep screws and other small parts.

The well is made from one half of a tin can, the edges of which are bent over at right angles to take screws which hold it in place. As a further convenience, a few holes can be drilled through the top step as shown, to hold screwdrivers, pliers and other small tools.

Type Cleaner

A cleaner that will instantly soften all types of printing inks, which have hardened on type forms, cuts, etc., is made by mixing butyl cellosolve, 8 fl. oz., and diglycol oleate, 2 fl. oz. This cleaner is also a solvent for most dyes, therefore it should not be spilled on clothing. After softening and rubbing free with a rag, the type can be washed with water as enough of the diglycol oleate will remain to give excellent soap action in removing solid matter lodged between letters or in recesses.

Uncoiling and Unreeling Cable to Avoid Kinking It

As the life of wire rope and cable is greatly reduced by kinks, careful attention should always be given to uncoiling or unreeling it. When a kink in a wire rope is straightened, the latter is weakened, and when used the wires will soon break. It is advisable never to use a rope that has been kinked. The drawing shows how rope should be handled as recommended by one large steel company.

—W. F. Schaphorst, Newark, N. J.



Life of wire rope determined largely by the way it is handled in uncoiling or unreeling

W RONG

RIGHT

Bond Finn

made from ball-bearing truck casters

By D. L. AVERY

X/HEN you build a vertical or equatorial mounting for either the reflecting or refracting type of telescope, there are two things you are after-rigidity and ease of adjustment. With these two points in mind, it has been found that heavy ballbearing casters of the type used on hand trucks in manufacturing plants can be made to serve the purpose with a minimum of alteration and very little machine work. These truck casters are not expensive and can be had in various styles fitted with single and double-row ball bearings, some types having ball bearings on both axes. Figs. 3 and 5 show a caster of the single ball-bearing type made into a simple vertical mounting. The telescope tube is attached to the truck wheel by means of a saddle block of hardwood and pipe hangers. A close-fitting bolt is substituted for the wheel spindle and the wheel is fixed to the bolt with a setscrew. A wing nut

PIPE HANGER

TELESCOPE

TUBE

METAL PLATE

FLATTEN AND BOLT OR WELD

HAND

GEAR

HAND DRIVE

THRUST BEARING

WELDED

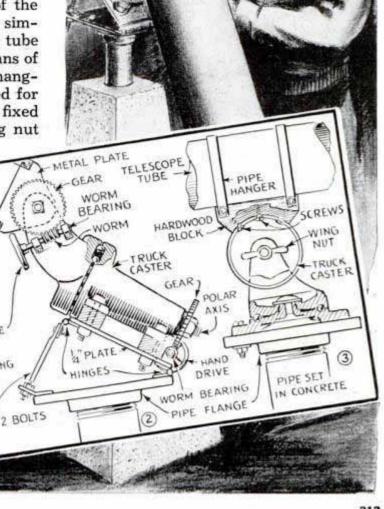
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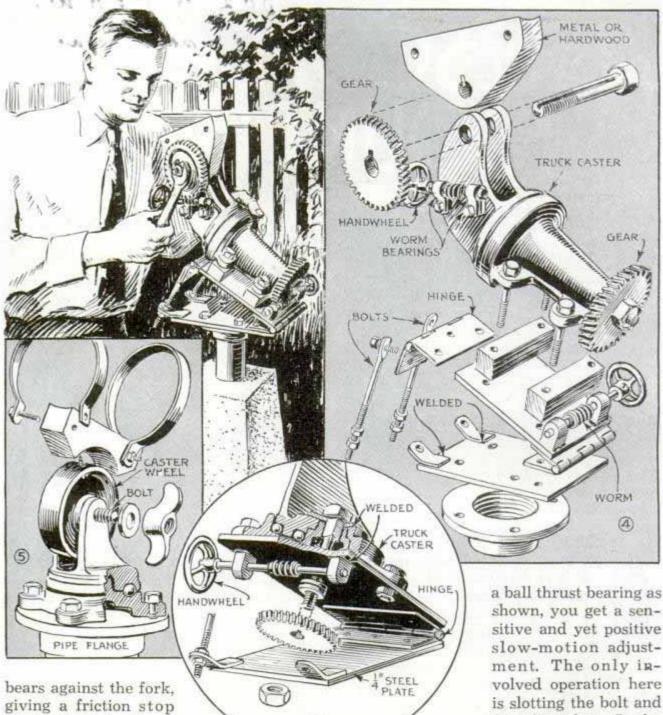
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- GEAR PIPE FLANGE

WORM WORM BEARING

WORM





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Now, Figs. 1 and 2 and also Figs. 4 and 6 illustrate the method of converting casters into the equatorialtype mounting with slow-motion adjustments on both axes. Although these are somewhat more complicated affairs, you will see that the caster is readily adapted with only a few fittings. The mount shown in Fig. 1 uses a double ball-bearing caster with a flat bolster which is bolted to a steel plate hinged to a pipe flange. By welding the bolt connecting the two halves of the ball races to the lower half and fitting a fine-pitch gear and companion worm over

for declination adjust-

ment.

shown, you get a sensitive and yet positive slow-motion adjustment. The only involved operation here is slotting the bolt and gear for a key. Lacking milling equipment,

you can do this job with a hacksaw and then file out a key to fit.

The mount shown in Figs. 2 and 4 is in some respects the best of all those shown. This is largely due to the use of a spindletype caster which permits placing hand wheels where they are more accessible. Note that the adjustable hinged base is the same as that on the mount shown in Fig. 1. Bearings for the worm spindles are made of flat steel and welded or bolted to the hinged base and to the side of the caster fork. All the mounts shown are designed to be placed on a concrete pedestal.

Armature Growler Serves as Magnetic Vise

You'll find many uses for an armature growler besides its regular testing work. Fig. 1 shows it serving as a handy magnetic "vise" or hold-down for odd-shaped parts of iron or steel while filing or other work is being done on them. In this case, a generator armature is held securely while undercutting the mica. Care should be taken to see that the work bridges the poles of the growler before turning on the current. When it is desired to reduce the voltage for controlling motor speeds,

lighting a lamp circuit at reduced brilliancy, etc., the growler will come in handy as a choke coil if one of the feed wires is hooked up in series with the appliance,

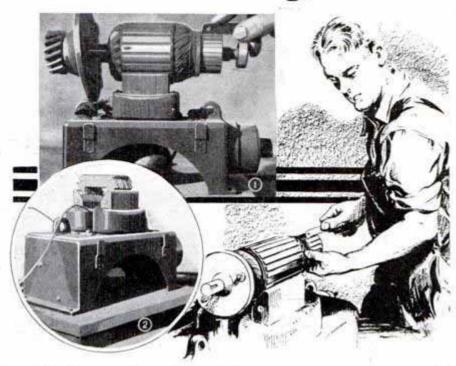
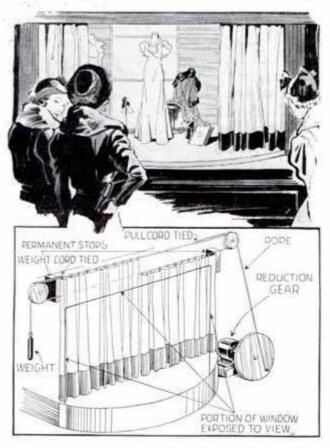


Fig. 2. With the core open, its choking effect is slight, while the presence of an iron or steel bridge increases its choking capacity.—W. C. Wilhite, Carlinville, Ill.

Moving Curtains Give Stage Effect in Store Show Window

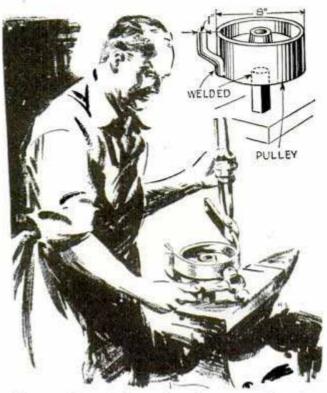


Curtains operated by small electric motor open and close once at 90-sec, intervals

Richly colored curtains slowly sliding open at regular intervals to expose a display tastefully arranged on a stage in a show window are sure to attract attention of shoppers. A small electric motor operates the curtains, a reduction gear being used to reduce the speed so that the curtains open and close once every 90 sec. The curtains are suspended from an endless cord or belt, which runs over pulleys concealed by the stage trim. A pull cord or rope tied to the belt near one pulley and to a crank wheel on the reduction gear slowly pulls the curtains open during onehalf revolution of the wheel. A weight attached to a cord, which is tied to the belt near the other pulley, slowly closes the curtains as the wheel completes the revolution.—Harold Mann, Muncie, Ind.

(When the points of a spark plug in your car have a tendency to burn away or "whisker," it indicates that the motor is too hot for that style of plug, or that the mixture is too lean.

Flat Metal Quickly Bent to Shape by Jig on Anvil



Flat metal can be formed to almost any shape desired by bending it around this anvil jig

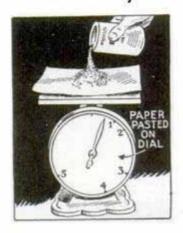
A handy accessory for a blacksmith's anvil on which to bend light flat metal, is a short piece of 6 or 8-in. shafting with a 1-in. length of round iron bent to a lazy S-shape and welded to one side. A square pin to fit the anvil hole, is also welded to the pulley. Metal is quickly bent to different shapes by using either the shafting or the small bar, or both, as forms.

Cement for Leather Belts

Leather belts work best and with least noise when their ends are beveled and cemented together with a good belt adhesive. Although ordinary glue may be used, this special preparation is far superior. The cement is made by soaking and dissolving high-grade cabinetmakers' glue, 1 part, in water, 4 parts, with heat, taking care not to overheat the glue. A good doubleboiler gluepot should be used. In a separate container dissolve tannic acid, 1 part, in water, 10 parts. A few drops of glycerin are added to help dissolve the tannic acid. This solution is heated and added to the glue and the combined solution heated in the gluepot until stringy. To use the cement, bevel the ends of the belt and roughen the surface with a file. The prepared belt ends should be warmed slightly and the glue applied with a brush. Immediately after applying the glue, place the splice between blocks of wood, with paper between leather and wood to prevent sticking, and apply pressure with a clamp. The belt should be left clamped for 48 hours.

Special Paper Dial on Scales Saves Time in Laboratory

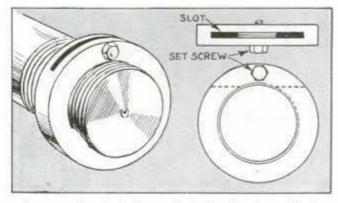
In a laboratory where a certain chemical formula for a cleaning mixture was compounded frequently, the difficulty of remembering or looking up the required quantities was eliminated by pasting a special paper dial over the



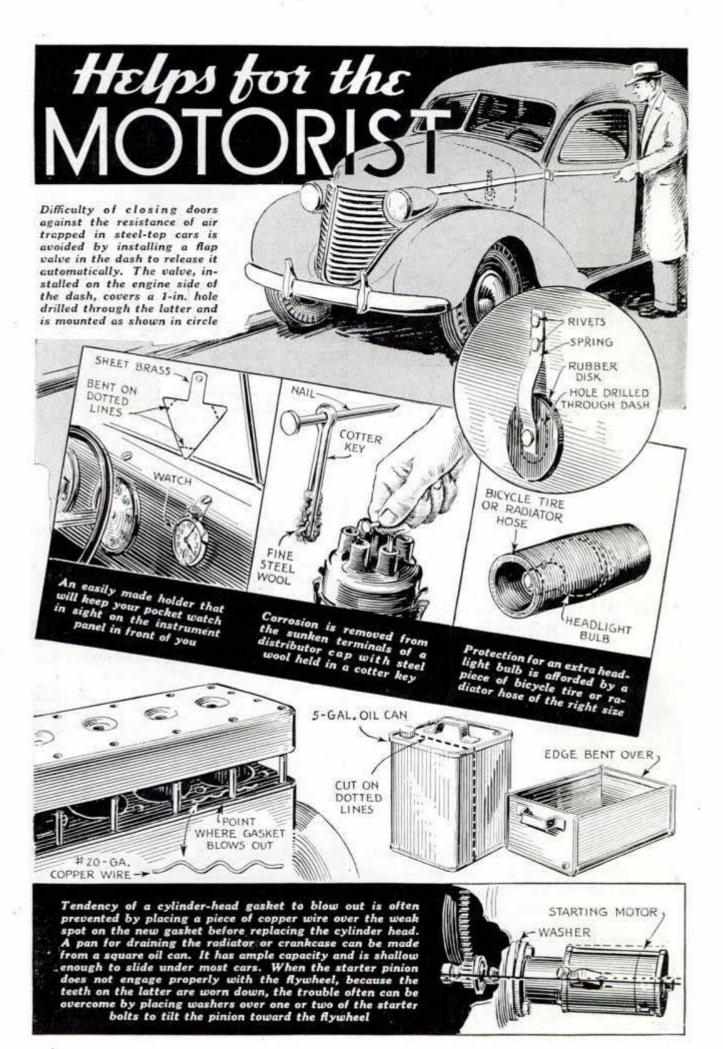
regular dial of the scales. Numbers were used to indicate the different chemicals.

Locking Screw Collar on Shaft

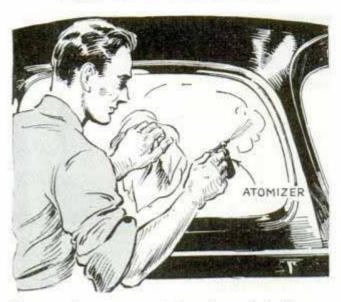
An effective way of locking an adjustable screw collar on a threaded shaft is to cut a slot in the collar at right angles to the axis, as indicated, cutting about onefourth or one-third through the collar. A hole is then drilled and tapped through the slotted part of the collar, parallel to the axis. A set screw or cap screw driven into this hole pinches the slotted portion together slightly, binding the threads of this portion against the threads of the shaft. A very slight tightening of the screw is sufficient to hold the collar firmly.



Screw collar locked on shaft by slotting side for screw, which binds the threads against the shaft



Liquid to Clean Car Windows Applied with Atomizer



You can clean your car windows in a minute if a perfume atomizer is filled with cleaning liquid

An inexpensive perfume atomizer provides a handy container for applying window-cleaning liquids. Carried in the glove compartment or pocket of the car, the atomizer is always at hand to give the windows a quick, thorough cleaning by simply spraying the glass and then wiping it with a clean cloth.

Ice Kept Out of Air-Hose Nozzle by Rubber Hood



When an air hose is kept outside where water is likely to run down the hose and freeze in the nozzle, a rubber hood or shield slipped over the nozzle as shown will prevent this trouble. The shield is cut

from a piece of inner tube and assumes a conical shape when forced over the nozzle.

Temperature Checks Oil Filter

Whether or not the oil filter is protecting your car or merely deceiving you into thinking it is reducing engine wear, can be told quickly by feeling the filter. If the engine has been driven far enough to have the crankcase feel warm to the touch yet the filter feels cool, oil is not passing through it and it should be replaced. But if the filter is about as warm as the crankcase, then it is on the job. As sludge accumulations may clog any filter before the regular changing period, this test should be made frequently.

Driver's Knee Pad for Long Trips

Pinned to the upholstering of the left front door, a soft cushion offers a resting place for a driver who has a tendency to lean his knee against the door on a long trip. Besides resting the knee, the cushion also helps prevent marring

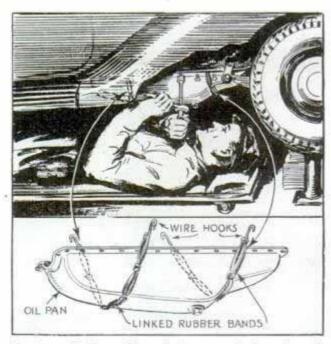


the upholstering, and if the pinning is done carefully, there is little possibility of tearing the cloth.

-J. Stewart Borland, Hingham, Mass.

Oil Pan Rests on Rubber 'Chains' While Starting Screws

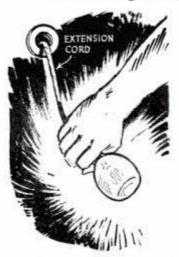
Discarding other cumbersome devices designed to hold the oil pan while starting the screws, one mechanic found that chains



Tension of the rubber chains stretched under the pan holds it in place with screw holes in alinement

made of rubber bands served the purpose more efficiently. Hooks in the ends of the chains engage the frame of the car, stretching the rubber snugly under the pan.

Adjustable Drop Light in Trailer from Cigar-Lighter Cord



Cable-type cigar lighters, which were used just before the introduction of the present removable-element type, make excellent drop lights for house trailers. All you have to do, in most cases, is substitute a lamp and socket for the lighter ele-

ment on the cord, and mount the reel box behind a panel so that the cord can be pulled through a hole in the panel.

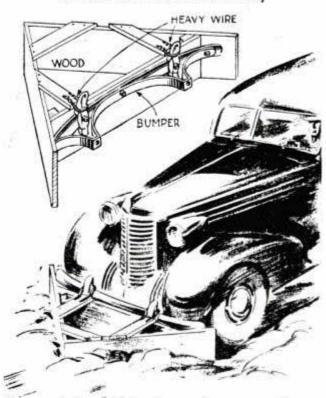
Floor Truck of Auto Springs

By bolting two discarded auto springs together and inserting heavy casters into the eyes at the end of the springs, one mechanic constructed a floor truck to move heavy engines, large castings, etc.



This truck is quickly improvised to haul heavy loads, which are easily lifted onto it

Snowplow Hooked on Bumper Clears Your Driveway

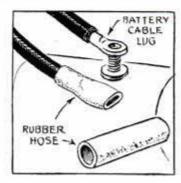


You won't have to shovel snow from your driveway if you keep this plow handy

Fitting either the front or rear bumper, this snowplow is quickly attached to help you go through shallow drifts in the driveway without shoveling. The plow, which is not intended for heavy work, is assembled from ¾-in. stock. Shape and style of the bumpers on your car will determine the method of attaching the plow. The original was provided with heavy, wire eyes which slipped over the bumper guards as indicated in the detail.

Shielding End of Starter Cable to Prevent Short Circuits

Instead of tying up the starter cable to keep it from "shorting" against the motor or other metal part of the car, when it is removed to repair the starter, just slip a short piece



of rubber hose or tubing over the terminal end. Then you can let the end of the cable drop without any possibility of running down the battery.

Cylinders Held for Soldering on Auto-Engine Head

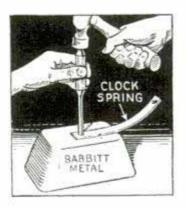


Large cylindrical objects, such as milk cans, that are to be soldered are readily rotated in this holder

Workmen in a shop where they often have cylindrical objects to solder, such as milk cans, tanks, etc., use an old auto cylinder head with furniture casters inverted in the bolt holes. The work rests on the casters, which allow it to be turned easily. The head is heavy enough to stay where it is put on a bench, and the casters are quickly spaced in the holes to accommodate work of various sizes.

Clock Springs May Be Punched on "Anvil" of Babbitt Metal

A Minnesota locksmith, of many years experience, says that clock springs or other hard and brittle metal can be perforated easily if placed on an "anvil" of babbitt metal, as shown, and a punch (not



tapered) employed. It is a good idea to grind the shank of the punch so that it is slightly smaller in diameter than the face, as the least taper will spread the hole and crack the spring.

The Next Issue

CANADIAN-TYPE CANOE IS EASY TO BUILD

Unusually steady and easy to paddle, this 16-ft. canoe is little affected by cross winds. It has a 33-in. beam amidships, a flat bottom and low ends. Thin, wide ribs that are bent easily, simplify the construction.

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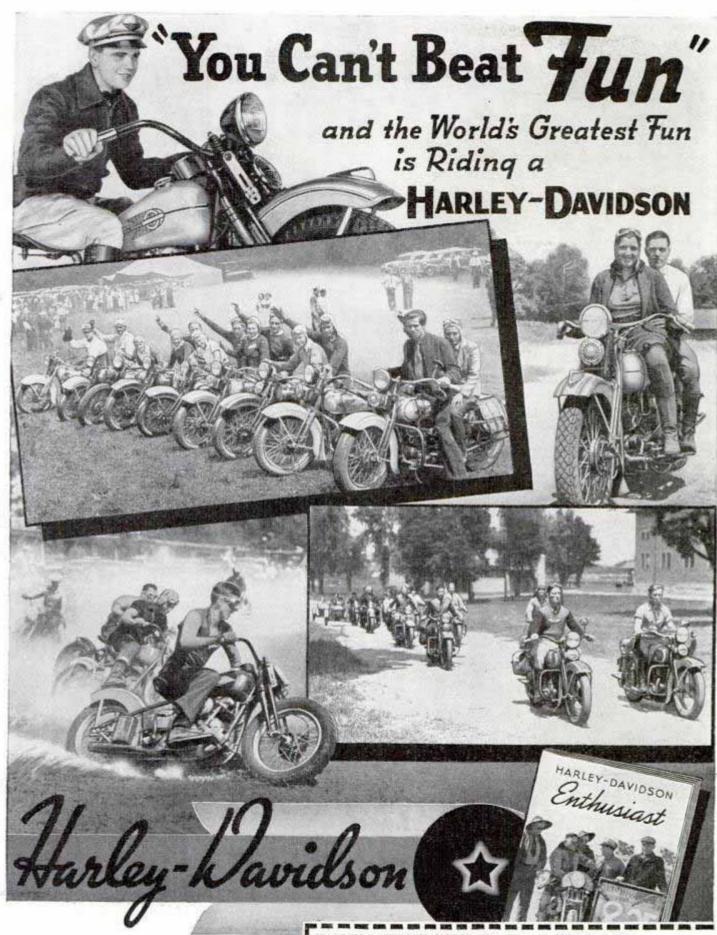
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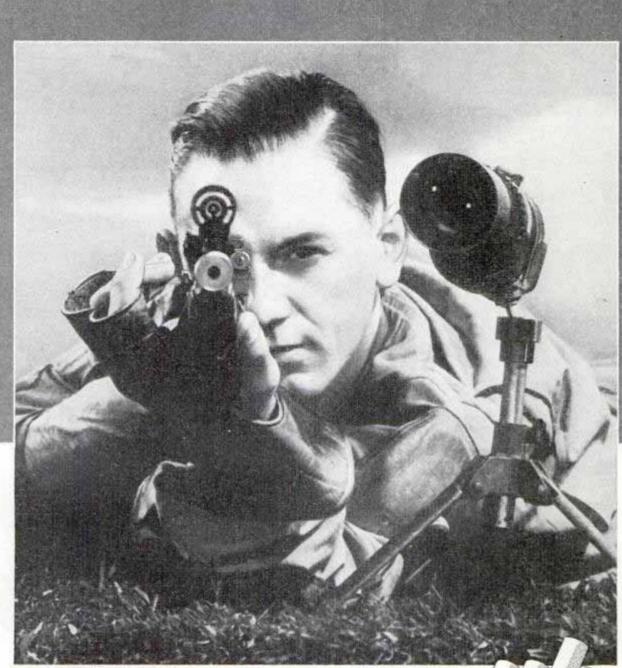


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Head-on view of Ransford Triggs on the firing line. His .22 calibre rifle is equipped with hand-made sights. He uses the sighting 'scope beside him to help get his sights set exactly for the centre of the bull's-eye.

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Shoot When They Don't Expect It

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conspicuous. While the friend is looking in one direction, perhaps to divert attention, you can bring the camera into action over his shoulder and snap-shoot. The shoulder may also come in handy to rest your camera when using shutter speeds slower than ½5. Any stationary object like a tree or a wall will suffice to steady the camera.

Camera subjects should not be hard to find. Wherever there are people, there are always possibilities for candid work. Crowded places are of course preferred. Here you become just one of the mass, and no one pays attention to you. Busy street corners and main streets are excellent for this; the traffic cop, a bootblack bending over shoes, fruit vendor making a sale, a woman window shopping.

Men at work with machinery at outdoor construction jobs and the crowds idly watching them offer possibilities for excellent pictorial as well as candid scenes. Activity on a dock, open markets, artists' fairs, beaches, passengers on streetcars, all have that human-interest angle which make a photographic study.

If the subject spots you, don't let him suspect your intention. Keep your eye on him and when his attention strays—that is your cue!

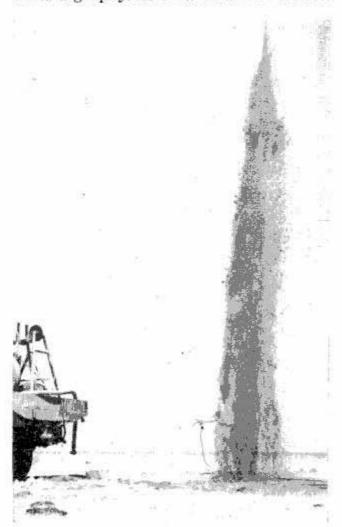
Although photos are most candid when the subject is unaware of the camera, you are by no means limited to snapping them only when they are off guard. For instance, you may be photographing a friend who knows that you are doing so. Ask him to pay no attention to you. Or ask him to sit down, to read a book, to examine a picture, at the same time engaging him in conversation. While doing this pretend to be sighting for the best angle, though really snapping one picture after another.

Next time you attend a picnic or party, try this method of picture making on your friends. Candid pictures will reveal to you a new world in photography. You will find all people are excellent camera subjects if you have the patience to wait and the alertness to snap the shutter at the psychological moment. Watch your angles and backgrounds. Keep your camera steady. But the major requirements are patience and alertness.

Hunting Oil with Earthquakes

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yet so sensitive that they can pick up the vibrations of a dollar watch laid near by. They are affected by earth movements of only a millionth part of an inch in amplitude and must be buried below the surface to avoid the vibrations of stray wind currents. Thirty or forty of them, laid out in a straight line a quarter of a mile long, may be used to measure the waves from one of the man-made earthquakes. Sometimes a geophysics crew runs into trouble



Geyser of mud and water shooting up from shot hole after explosion below

when natural earth tremors occur at inopportune times and upset their calculations. The seismometers may also pick up vibrations from other outfits working a few miles away, and when several crews find themselves exploring the same territory they usually arrange a schedule so that their shots will not disturb each other.

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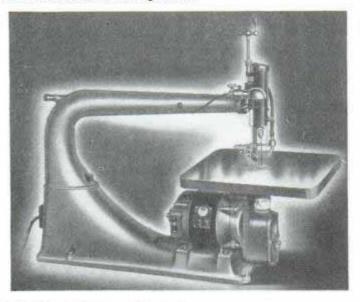
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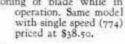
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and the buried charge blows up. Standing near by, you can feel the ground rock under your feet in wavelike motions. The same seismic waves are traveling in all directions through the earth and weak echo waves are being reflected to the surface from the hard strata below. These echoes form the basis of reflection geophysics.

Each seismometer, which consists of a metal armature suspended above a magnet, is affected by the earthquake waves. The vibration jiggles the armature, causing it to move in the magnetic field, which sets up currents that travel along the cable to the laboratory truck. Here the current goes through several stages of amplification and then by means of a galvanometer or oscillograph is transformed into a wavy line on a strip of photo-sensitized paper mounted on a revolving drum. The arrangement is similar to the seismograph recording of a full-sized earthquake. Each buried seismometer sends in its own signal string and these are recorded as parallel lines on the paper. A few minutes after the earthquake is touched off the record has been run through developing and fixing tanks and has been hung up to

The complete seismic record is merely a jumble of wavy lines on a piece of paper and it takes a trained geophysicist to interpret them. One of the men may point out to you the wavelike line that was drawn by the seismometer located closest to the laboratory truck. Occasionally the even pattern of this line is interrupted by a few waves of greater amplitude. These large waves represent the time, on the moving drum, at which vibrations were reflected back up to the seismometer from a buried stratum.

Next you notice that the records from seismometers buried at greater distances from the laboratory truck also contain the same groups of waves of greater amplitude, but that these are displaced or staggered over to the right of the echo from the first seismometer. This is because the waves have to travel farther and need more time to reach the farthest recorders. Farther over to the right on the record paper are other groups of high amplitude waves, representing echoes from formations buried even deeper than the first.

Seismic waves travel from one to three

miles per second, depending upon the compactness of the material through which they move, and they go fastest at the greatest depths. Some of the energy is reflected back each time the wave strikes a change in formation, such as a change from sandstone to shale. By figuring the speed of the wave and the elapsed time from the record, the geophysicist is able to gauge quite accurately the depth of the formations and can measure differences in depth to within plus or minus twenty feet. The dip or angle of each stratum as well as its depth can be determined.

There are several other methods of underground exploration aside from the reflection type. Seismic refraction, used extensively a few years ago, depends upon the refraction or travel of energy waves along shallow formations before they are reflected back up again. An electrical resistivity method indicates formations below by measuring the resistance of the ground. Salt domes and buried granite ridges may sometimes be detected with a torsion balance, a kind of gravity meter that is often used in the initial reconnaissance of unexplored territory. Another instrument sometimes used in general surveys is the magnetometer, a highly refined dip needle that is influenced by the deformation of magnetic lines of force around or through large buried bodies that have slightly different magnetic properties than the surrounding material.

Unfortunately the development of scientific underground exploration has brought in its wake many fake "doodle bug" instruments that are worthless. No instruments that will detect the presence of oil directly are known to science.

There is a possibility, however, that a direct method of locating oil or gas pools will eventually be perfected from experiments being conducted in Russia. Known as "gaseous mapping," the technique consists of measuring the number of hydrocarbon molecules found in the soil just below the surface and comparing them to the amount of methane present. The basic idea is that gaseous particles slowly escape to the surface above any oil pool, and the presence of oil below can be anticipated when comparatively large amounts of such hydrocarbons are found close to the top of the ground.

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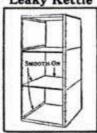


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The Hit and Run Fleet

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deck. In the skiff men are holding a long rope which passes through a series of iron rings fastened at intervals around the bottom of the net. The other end is attached to the mother craft which swings widely to draw the net into a large circle. Now the two ends of the rope are pulled together like strings of a giant purse, closing the net into a huge bag.

A big dip net or "brail," five feet across, now comes into play. Working off a long boom operated by the engine, it dips into the mass of struggling fish, picks them up 500 to 1,000 pounds at a time, and dumps

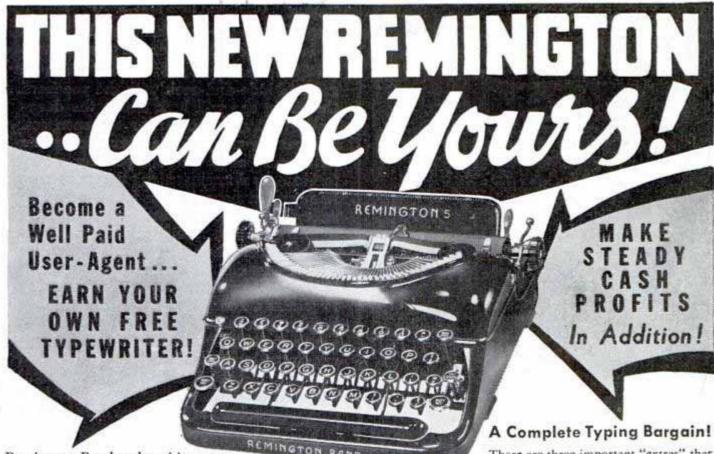
them into the ice-packed hold.

Now it's time for fast work, for within forty-five minutes most of the fish will be dead, stifled by their own weight. If the brail can't pick them up fast enough, the net begins to grow even heavier and pull until the boat lists far over to the side. An ordinary school of fish will weigh around ten tons, but occasionally a big one will run up to fifty or even 100 tons. If the load's too big, they must cut it loose—and lose a \$5,000 net—or follow it to Davy Jones's locker. Last year at Redondo Beach a boat was pulled under and the crew narrowly escaped by taking to the skiffs.

It takes two hours to set a big net, plus time to gather in the fish with the brail. All this time the seiners are at the mercy of the patrol boat, for the "Cobra" can run rings around any of them. Even if given a few minutes start, a seiner can't very well run away, for the wake it leaves remains a giveaway trail that can be followed for some time afterward.

Knowing this, Captain Smith is patient. He waits until sounds tell him that most of the poachers are well engaged in their business. Then he starts the engine, opens wide the throttle, and snaps on the powerful searchlights as the "Cobra" darts forward. Consternation seizes the pirates. There is a hurried bustle, a frantic rattling of winches, a feverish gathering of nets as the poachers try to get under way. As the "Cobra" bears down, the pirate fleet scatters. One by one, Captain Smith picks out the seiners, reading each craft's name through binoculars and noting the bearings of the place where it was observed. The

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rest will be easy—the boat can be picked up later and seized under the game laws.

Night after night the "Cobra" plays its game of hide-and-seek with the poachers. One night she will lurk beside the deepwater fishing grounds near the open sea. The next evening will find her gliding into an obscure cove where a poacher would feel safe, or skimming along the three-mile line with a bone in her teeth, ready to swoop down upon the first seiner that has its net spread in forbidden waters. Occasionally, too, other assignments fall to her lot. Her radio receiver tuned to police broadcasts sometimes brings the summons to join in a rescue at sea, or an appeal to help in the search for a lost yacht. Not long ago, for instance, Captain Smith rescued nine hungry fishermen who had had to take to their skiff when their boat caught fire after an explosion. Again, it may be a tip that poaching seiners have been seen at work by yachtsmen, or perhaps by an airplane pilot. Once in a while it is a warning that people aboard a pleasure boat are shooting at the cattle on Catalina island.

Now and then a poacher will show fight when trapped. One day when Captain Smith stepped upon the deck of a seiner, he heard a sudden sharp cry from the "Cobra's" mate:

"Drop that ax!"

Whirling, Smith saw one of the fishermen standing behind him with ax upraised. His assailant jumped at the sharp command and dropped his weapon.

Another seiner refused to stop at the megaphoned command. Cutting sharply across the bow, the "Cobra" made plain the command to stop, but instead of complying the fishermen opened the throttle and tried to ram their captor. Captain Smith gave four peremptory blasts on the whistle, then fired three shots across her bow, but without effect. When the pirate craft finally turned and tried to ram the "Cobra" broadside, Captain Smith lost patience. Rather than endanger the cruiser, he made for Avalon, where he commandeered a plane, followed the pirates to port and arrested the entire crew of eleven men.

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Adventures of Hurricane Hunters

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any picture of a real storm could have been. The terrifying sounds of the hurricane were made in another part of the studio after technicians had invented a brand new kind of nine-piece orchestra. The instruments consisted of hollow tubes and whirling shapes that were placed in front of a variable-speed fan. The instruments emitted everything from the weird eerie scream of the wind to the rumbling roar of wind combined with a heavy surf.

These days the owner of a sailing ship at San Pedro can earn as high as \$20,000 per year by renting his vessel to the movies.



Twentieth Century-Fox camera crew on stern of tug getting pictures of square rigger

The same ship may appear in half a dozen different pictures in one year, with the hull and rigging changed to represent a new period. Muzzle-loading cannon mounted on board are usually true antiques or exact copies cast in a foundry. Vessels with steel sides are converted into wooden ships by bolting wood siding to the hulls.

Geography means little or nothing to the movie fleet. The steep cliffs of near-by Catalina island masquerade as the coast of New Zealand in one picture and the hills of Italy in another. Once some tourists who had watched a South Sea scene being filmed at Catalina rubbed their eyes in amazement when they saw the picture on the screen. "Why," one of them exclaimed. "Where did that coral reef come from that the ship is sailing around? We saw that scene made last summer and I'll swear there wasn't a reef there.'

The tourist was right but he had been watching the ship instead of the camera when the scene was made. The script called for the ship to cruise past a palm studded reef on its way into the bay and since that particular kind of scenery wasn't available the movie technicians created it. A miniature reef twelve feet long complete to a skyline of bending palms, and a foreshore white with surf, had been placed in front of the camera. Suspended in the air the right distance away and with shades held over it to give a dull lighting, the



Scenes like this storm-at-sea close-up are made in big pool at Paramount studio

mock reef had all the appearance of reality. To the one-eyed camera it looked like a full-sized reef in the distance.

The picture crews that are sent to sea to get background and atmospheric shots are known as the second units. The men are specialists in out-of-doors photography. Some of the footage that they bring back may be worked into a film drama and other times it is used merely for reference for building duplicate sets at the studio.

Men like Robert Bruce of Paramount spend only a few months a year at their studios. Once Bruce had the job of chasing rainbows for a color picture. With a couple of assistants and his outfit loaded on a truck he drove to Utah. When the unit finally spotted a rainbow it was too far away to photograph, so the men started after it in the truck. After getting one short scene a rainstorm washed the rainbow away and they had to chase several more. On the same trip Bruce was asked to film some desert mirages, which he found in Death Valley.



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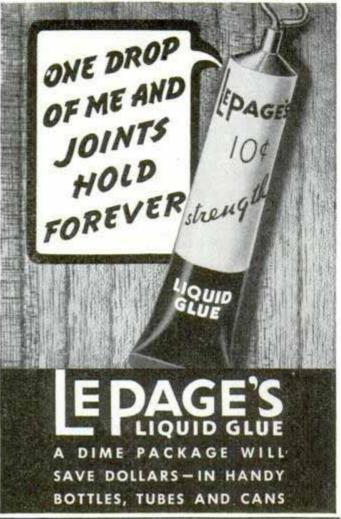


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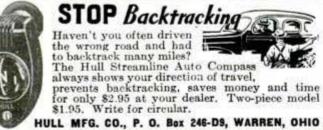
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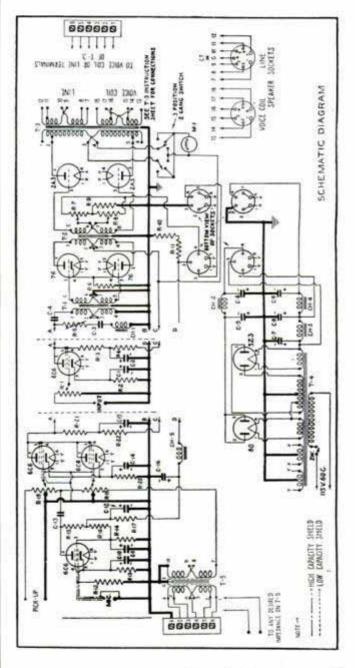




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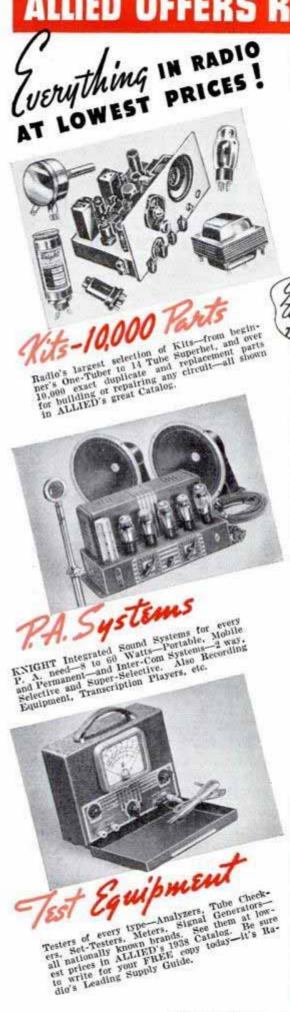
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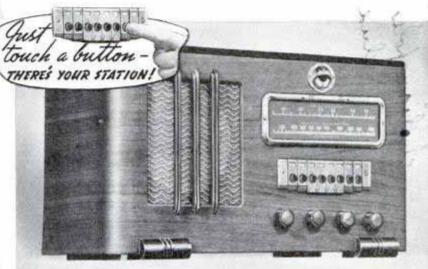
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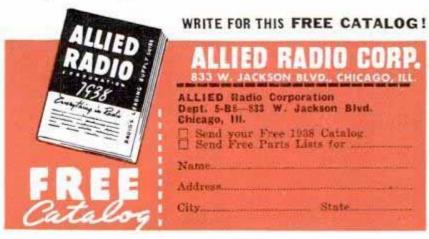
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The Toy that Grew Up

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starts an electric motor which moves the rudder to correct the deviation. Movement of the rudder is transmitted back to the gyropilot which stops the motor, leaving enough rudder applied to return the vessel to its course. As the ship responds, the gyropilot functions to return the rudder to mid-ship position.

The "metal mike" as a single unit is geared directly to the ship's wheel. A double unit is provided with an electrical transmission system for controlling the



It is easy to demonstrate the action of a gyroscope with a model such as this

steering engine, and a triple steerer has provision for steering automatically, for electrical control of rudder movements and for direct mechanical control.

Dr. Sperry's first idea, when he became intrigued by his children's toy, was to stabilize a ship with a gyroscope to prevent rolling. But an attempt had been made to do this with a spinning wheel and it was found that a gyroscope large enough to exert a stabilizing influence responded so slowly to the upward motion of a wave that the roll was well on its way before the stabilizer began to absorb it.

Today, however, the great Italian liner, "Conte di Savoia," is equipped with three rotors, each thirteen feet in diameter and weighing 110 tons, and there are numerous other installations of gyrostabilizers on vessels large and small. To understand how a stabilizer acts, we must understand the wave motion which produces the roll.

The rolling motion is the result of fluid pressure acting on one side of a ship, then the other. Since a ship is free to rise and fall, most of each wave passes beneath it, imparting only a slight roll. Each succeeding wave adds a little impetus just as a child gets up momentum in a swing. Since each wave imparts only a little motion, a relatively small counteracting force, applied just as each roll starts, is sufficient to quench it. With this in mind, it is easy to demonstrate the action of a stabilizer with your gyro model.

Spin the rotor, set the outer ring horizontal and the rotor axle vertical. The outer ring is your ship. Simulate wave motion by applying upward pressure with your finger to one side of the outer ring. Note that the gyro strongly resists this force. Duplicate the action when the wave passes under the ship by raising the other side of the outer ring. Again the gyro resists. A gyrostabilizer acts in like fashion, moving back and forth and resisting the action of the waves from side to side.

In actual practice, the gyro is controlled by a motor which regulates its movement to conform to existing wave action. Sometimes a sensitive gyro is employed to start a motor at the very beginning of each roll. The motor then actuates the large stabilizer.

Gyroscopes were used in airplane stabilizing equipment more than twenty years ago but it was not until 1929 when the gyrohorizon and directional gyro were introduced that the full possibilities of the gyroscope in aviation were realized. Just as the natural horizon is the reference which a pilot consults in clear-weather flying, the gyrohorizon serves the same purpose when outside visibility is obscured.

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plane is banking, climbing, gliding or flying level. You can demonstrate the action with the gyro model. Spin the model with the outer ring horizontal and the axle vertical. Extend the arms to simulate the wings of a plane. Tilt them to indicate a bank and indicate a climb or glide by turning the palms. Now pick up the model, tilt it right or left, move it forward and backward for glide and climb. Note that the gyro remains horizontal, no matter how the base is moved.

In the gyrohorizon, a pointer bar is connected to the gyro to simulate the horizon. An airplane is painted in silhouette on a dial in front of it. As the plane banks, climbs or glides, the silhouette does likewise, but the pointer bar, actuated by the gyroscope, remains horizontal. Keeping the silhouette in line with and parallel to the bar thus insures level flight.

Accurate steering requires a fixed reference such as a star, the sun or objects on the ground with which the heading of the plane may be compared. The directional gyro provides a fixed directional reference within the cockpit when flying "blind." To demonstrate it with the model, hold it in front of you with the spinning axle horizontal and one end pointed away from you. Turn your body and the model just as an airplane might turn in flight. The spinning axle of the gyro continues to point in the same direction, regardless of how the base is turned.

The directional gyro has a circular card which, like the gyro, remains fixed as the airplane moves around it. This card is observed in relation to a lubber line on the front of the instrument. Both gyrohorizon and directional gyro rotors are air driven, spinning at about 12,000 revolutions per minute. They are about two inches in diameter and weigh about twelve ounces.

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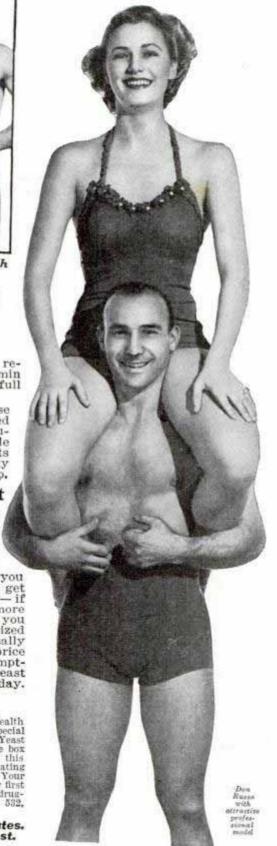
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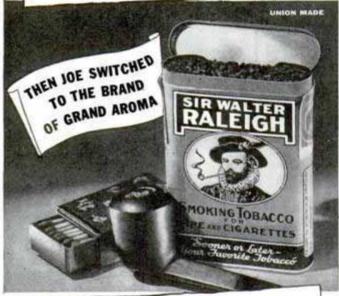
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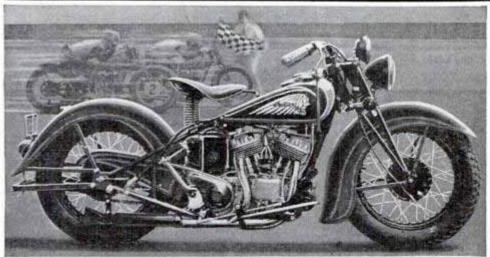
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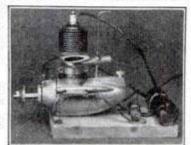
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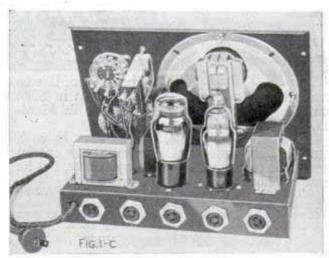
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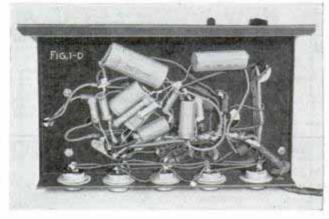
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1-A. It will be noted that the frame is drilled for a 6-32 machine screw which blocks the switch in the "up" position, as only neutral and down are used. Output volume is adjustable by means of the 1,000-ohm volume control; inexpensive audio transformers match the amplifier to the line. The connections to the 3-to-1 ratio audio transformer must be made as shown in Figs. 1 and 4; these reversed



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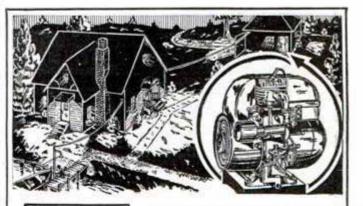


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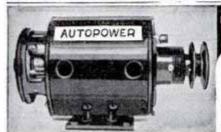
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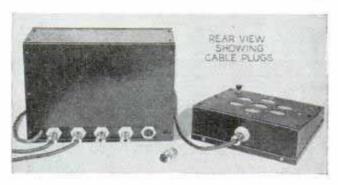


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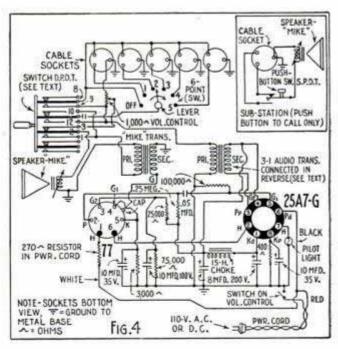
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blueprint number is R-249. A simplified wiring diagram of the master station appears in Figs. 1 and 1-A and a similar diagram for the sub-station is shown in Figs. 2 and 2-A. Complete construction details for the metal cabinets, panel and bases are given in Fig. 3. These units can be formed



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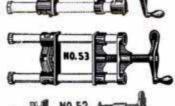


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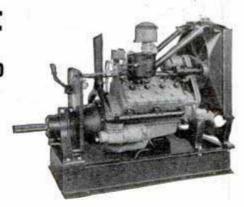
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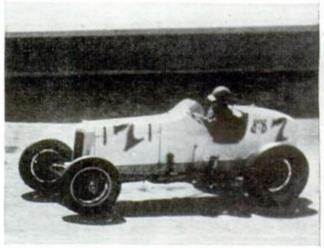


The Rough Road to Glory

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of the American team and we expected to see Jimmy crowned a hero. Instead, all the toasts were for the Frenchman who placed third. Not a word was said about Jimmy—up to the time we left.

The twenty-four hour races were the man killers in the early days. Each car had two drivers and two mechanics, for it was impossible for one crew to go through the entire twenty-four hours. I remember driving a total of nearly nineteen hours in one race. Toward the finish, I saw big buildings, bridges and apartment houses right in front of us, all hallucinations. In another twenty-four hour race, we drove in the rain almost continuously. Goggles were of no use, and the sand piled into our eyes. Wiping it out with a piece of waste



Billy Winn, American driver, and the car in which he competed in 1937

was not so pleasing. At times, we rubbed lemon juice in our eyes to keep awake. It was strenuous, but we loved it. If we hadn't, we couldn't have done it.

In one such race I killed a special policeman. He did just what he was there to keep others from doing. He had jumped the fence and started to cross the track in front of several cars. He stepped away from one car and right in front of mine. I hit him, his body flew over my head and I felt something warm, a liquid, running down my neck. I thought it was blood but it was water from the radiator. The whole front end of my car was smashed. I put on a new radiator, water manifold, headlights and all connections—and still won the race and set what was a world's record at that time. Freak accidents were common in the

early days, things you just could not explain. It was customary to take a newspaper reporter for a ride in those days, then let him write up his impressions. I took one newspaperman for a spin in 1910-a ride neither of us will ever forget. I went down a straightaway wide open. He didn't say a word. Then I hit a turn. He didn't say a word then either-just put both arms around my neck and held on tight. I couldn't see and went off the turn. The car rolled over on top of us, broke several ribs, fractured my backbone and tore most of my hair off. My reporter friend was thrown out-and landed on his feet. He didn't even get his derby hat dented.

One of the closest races I ever ran was on a one-mile saucer-shaped board track near Los Angeles. It was in 1910 and was to be a five-man match race between De Palma, Oldfield, Bruce Brown, Caleb Bragg and myself. We got away from a standing start but the track was banked at such an angle we had to keep moving about 115 or 120 miles an hour to keep from sliding. For the ten-mile race all five of us were so close together you could have covered us with a couple of blankets. We were going so fast our wheels kept sliding and, since the track was just about wide enough for the five of us, we had to slide in unison or hit each other. Not one of us could stop or even slow down if we had desired. If we had, we would have slid down into the next chap. I finished a half length ahead in six minutes and eleven seconds, a record then and it should still be because I don't think there ever was another track like that one built anywhere.

Tragedy and comedy were always with us. In a race at Brighton Beach, a car in front had an accident and caught fire. The mechanic staggered away, his clothing in flames. He started running down the road in front of us, a human torch. "I'll slow down," I shouted to my mechanic Glenn Ethridge, now of Philadelphia. "You jump and knock him down." I slowed to what I thought was a crawl and Glenn jumped. As he rolled over and over, I realized I was still doing forty. He got to the burning man and smothered the blaze. The chap later recovered.

Out at Crown Point, Ind., one year we had a 400-mile stock car race. It was so hot I had water blisters under my goggles



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and the roads were atrocious. One car hit some bales of hay at a turn and scattered them over the course. We plugged along in the heat and dust as long as I could stand it. We had worked all the night before and we were dog-tired.

Finally I said to Glenn, "Come on, let's quit and get under the car where it's shady." So we pulled off and crawled under and stayed until we cooled off. Louis Chevrolet won. He didn't stop to get cool.

All this old-time stuff probably doesn't add up to much to the young fellow who wants to break into racing today. But it should because, after all, the racing game hasn't changed much in the past thirty years. Cars have changed but it still takes the same qualities to make a driver which were required three decades ago. First of all, it takes a real love of racing. It also takes courage and an ability to act first and think afterward. And last of all, it takes a sense of humor.

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was cut and allowed to lie in the fields for weeks until it "retted" enough so the fibers could be pulled off by hand. Retting is simply rotting as a result of dew, rain and bacterial action. Machines were developed to separate the fibers mechanically after retting was complete, but the cost was high, the loss of fiber great, and the quality of fiber comparatively low. With the new machine, known as a decorticator, hemp is cut with a slightly modified grain binder. It is delivered to the machine where an automatic chain conveyor feeds it to the breaking arms at the rate of two or three tons per hour. The hurds are broken into fine pieces which drop into the hopper, from where they are delivered by blower to a baler or to truck or freight car for. loose shipment. The fiber comes from the other end of the machine, ready for baling.

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One obstacle in the onward march of hemp is the reluctance of farmers to try new crops. The problem is complicated by the need for proper equipment a reasonable distance from the farm. The machine cannot be operated profitably unless there is enough acreage within driving range and farmers cannot find a profitable market unless there is machinery to handle the crop. Another obstacle is that the blossom of the female hemp plant contains marijuana, a narcotic, and it is impossible to grow hemp without producing the blossom. Federal regulations now being drawn up require registration of hemp growers, and tentative proposals for preventing narcotic production are rather stringent.

However, the connection of hemp as a crop and marijuana seems to be exaggerated. The drug is usually produced from wild hemp or locoweed which can be found on vacant lots and along railroad tracks in every state. If federal regulations can be drawn to protect the public without preventing the legitimate culture of hemp, this new crop can add immeasurably to American agriculture and industry.

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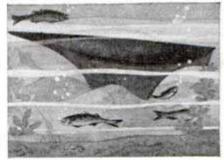
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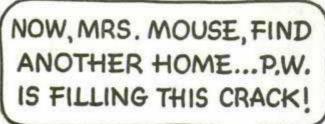
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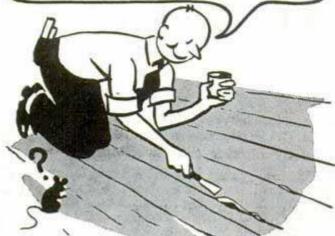
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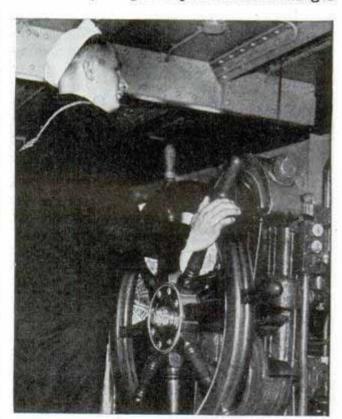
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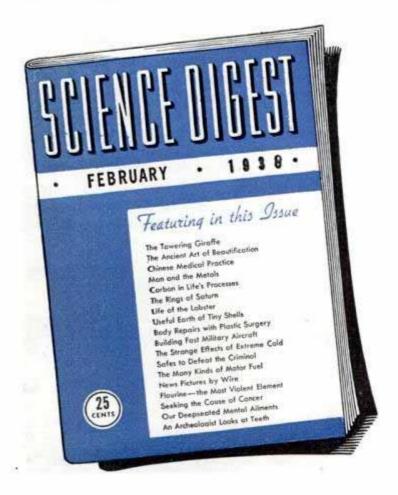


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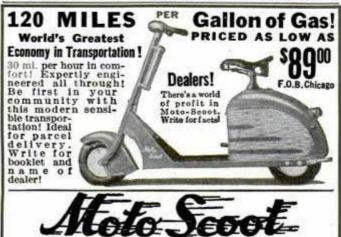
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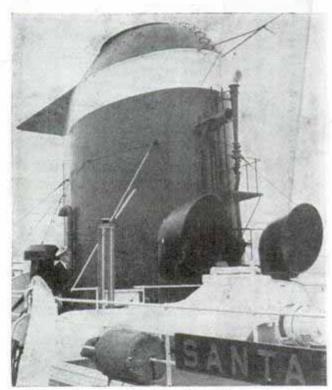
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The 600-meter band is also the wave length on which emergency weather reports are broadcast. Forecasting is not well



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organized in some parts of the world and often storms arise so suddenly that advance indications are short. Then an emergency report is tapped out so that other ships can change course to stay clear of the storm area.

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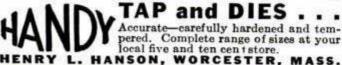
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For the safety of souls at sea every effort is being made to make radio foolproof.

One of the latest developments is the "auto-alarm" that is installed on ships having only one operator and that automatically sounds an alarm whenever a distress message comes in on the receiving set. The auto-alarm has brought about a change in the conventional "SOS" distress signal. Today such a signal is preceded by a sequence of long dashes, twelve of them being transmitted in a minute's time. It is this signal that sets off the automatic alarm. If a ship in distress sends the dashes and then the emergency call, and no one close by responds, a shore station with a more powerful transmitter taps out the dashes with full power to "wake up" the alarm on any ship that might be near by and did not respond on the first call.

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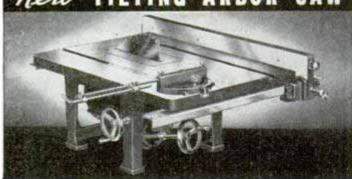
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up the opening. Next day they would come back and take out the entire beaver family, all dead from the anesthetic.

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Commissioner Stobie believes that this one accomplishment suggests future pos-



Lieut. Earl Crabb and Supervisor George Faulkner

sibilities of backwoods and rural crime prevention and detection by aviation. Today the business of poaching in the big woods is far less safe than it was before game wardens sprouted wings.

So far as Maine is concerned, the plane warden is now a definite fixture. Conservation experts realize that the great breeding grounds of big game and native game fish would be damaged by opening modern roads into them. So the plane becomes necessary for patrol of Maine's big woods. Plane patrol includes numerous errands of mercy. Travel in the big woods by land or riverways involves considerable danger.

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Recently a boy who had traveled with a party by canoe far up a big woods river became stricken with appendicitis. One of his pals tramped through the woods to the nearest warden's post. The resident game warden telephoned to the pilot warden the approximate location of the sufferer. Pilotwarden Hutchinson took off from his home port near Augusta, arrived at the location within a few minutes, made a quick pontoon landing on a small pond, and in less than two hours after the distress call was entered, the sick boy was in a hospital.

Restocking back-country trout streams is another mission of the warden plane. Scattered through the big woods areas are hundreds of rivers and small lakes. These inland waters are actually the last haven for native game fishes. When once fished out, it has been impossible to successfully



Some of the wooded area, inaccessible by road, patrolled by means of planes

restock them. Hatchery-raised fish are extremely delicate and must be "planted" under ideal circumstances. Where roads are available hatchery fish are transported in special trucks.

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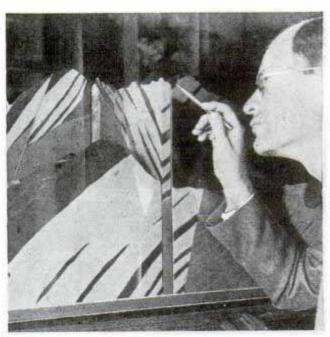


The Puzzle of the Ice Ages

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called the "year without a summer" and "eighteen hundred and froze to death," followed the great explosion of Tambora that killed 56,000 people. Observations in 1912 showed that dust from the Katmai explosion reduced solar radiation reaching the earth by twenty per cent, far more than necessary to have brought on the beginning of another ice age if a series of comparable explosions a year or two apart had followed.

The amount of dust necessary to turn the blue sky white and create the "dry fogs" that shut out sunshine is compara-



Model of earth's cross section with segments raised to illustrate typical actions in mountain building by tremendous earthquakes

tively small. It is estimated that the 1,500th part of a cubic mile of earth, blown into the sky every year or so for a number of years, would be enough to start an ice age. Volcanic dust is much more effective than ordinary dust in shutting out radiation because it takes the form of thin-shelled bubbles that float in the air for a long time.

Earth temperatures are so sensitive to extra-terrestrial influences that investigators have found that even the slight reduction in radiation from the sun that occurs during sunspot periods has a measurable effect. During a sunspot cycle such as is now occurring, average temperatures on the earth may be lowered by as much as one degree, shifting isotherm lines as

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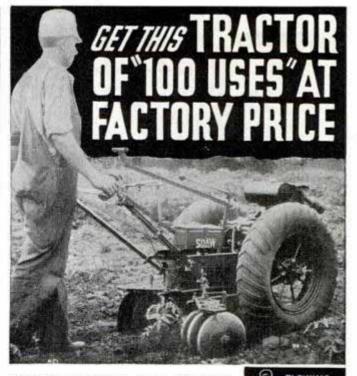
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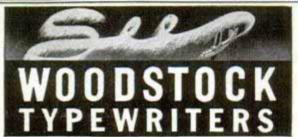




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One way by which the appearance and disappearance of the different types is checked is by comparing the bones found in tar deposits and by studying fossil bones found in the earth strata of different periods. Two of the early animal traps, the La Brea tar pits of Los Angeles and the McKittrick tar seeps of the San Joaquin Valley, are receiving special study because of the difference in their ages. The La Brea pits existed about 25,000 years ago and the McKittrick deposits are a burying ground for animals that existed 15,000 years ago, at about the end of the last ice age and about at the time that man first appeared on the continent.

Paleontologists are convinced that the "age of animals" in which the large mammals were kings of the earth is over. Even when the world is cooled off in the next ice age, they think, there is little chance that prehistoric animal types will develop again. They point out that the disappearance of the big breeds just about coincided with the appearance of man, and suggest that man with his crudely developed weapons was a major reason for the disappearance of the big animals. Instead, they think that man will be able to penetrate farther north as the present interglacial stage proceeds, and will continue to exist even if he has to move back toward the equator when the next ice age comes.

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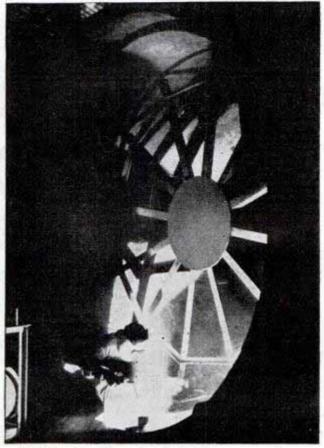
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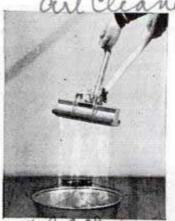
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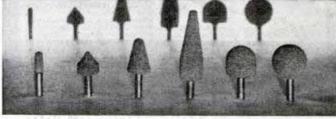
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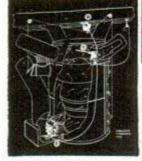
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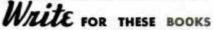
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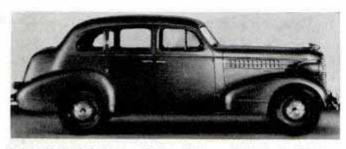
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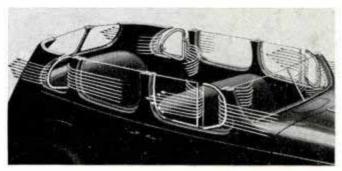
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